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By order of the Board,
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ALL persons having claims against or being indebted to the above estate are requested, under Section 42 of Act No. 28 of 1865, to send in their claims or pay the amounts owing by them, as the case may be, to the undersigned as the Administrator in Bombay to the above estate, at the Agra Bank, Limited, Bombay, within one month from this date, after which the assets belonging to the Estate will be remitted to the executrix in England, having regard only to claims of which notice has been received. Dated this 3rd day of December 1889.

J. GREENWOOD,
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A MEETING of the Members and Friends of the above Association will be held at the Town Hall on
WEDNESDAY, 11th December 1889,
AT 5 P.M.,
to receive the Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30th November 1889.
H. E. THE RIGHT HON'BLE LORD REAY, LL.D., G.C.I.E.,
has kindly consented to preside on the above occasion.
By order of the Committee,
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Honorary Secretary.

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37, Hornby Row, Bombay, 30th Nov. 1889.

COMMISSARIAT NOTICE.
SEALED TENDERS and VERBAL OFFERS will be received by the Chief Commissariat Officers at Bombay and Karachi, and by the Commissariat Storekeeper General, Bombay, up to 1 p.m. (local time), and by the other respective Chief and local Commissariat Officers up to 1-30 p.m. (Madras time) of each of the dates fixed against each, for Contracts as specified below for 1890-91.
Forms of Tenders and Schedules and all further particulars can be obtained on application at the above offices.

LOCAL CONTRACTS.

	Wooden, Copper, Iron, Tin, Crockery & Chinaware articles	Under Schedule No 4	On 9th Dec.
	Leather, Bamboo, Rattan and Earthenware articles	do No 5	do
	Miscellaneous Dead Stock articles	do No 8	On 13th Dec.
	Country Drugs and Medicine, &c.	do No 9	do
	Cattle and Sheep for Slaughter & Beef and Mutton.....	do No 10-14	On 16th Dec.
	Vegetable Oil of sorts and Kerosine Oil	do No 24	do
Poona	Barley Europe,		
Ahmednagar	Candles,	do No 27	do
Mhow	Sago, &c. ..		
Nimach	Charcoal and	do No 28	On 16th Dec.
Nasirabad ...	Firewood ..	do No 29	do
Disa	Coffee	do No 32	do
Ahmedabad	b Straw Rice.	do No 43	do
Bombay	c Potatoes and Vegetables ..		
Kamptee ...	Cooking Utensils	do No 4A	On 20th Dec.
Jubalpore ..	Diet and Table requisites ..	do No 4B	do
Karachi	d Hospital Clothing and Bedding	do No 22	On 23rd Dec.
Hyderabad ..	Hospital Wines	do No 26A	do
	Rice and Salt &c.	do No 42	On 6th Jan.
	Sugar for issue to Barracks & Hospitals	do Nos 30 & 31	do
	Cotton Sheets for issue to Barracks & Hospitals ..	do No 20	do
	Ice	do No 18	On 8th Jan.
	Bran for Horses, &c..	Under local Schedule.	do
	Auctioning Sale of Govt Stores	do	On 10th Jan.
	Materials for repairs of articles of linen gear for Transport Cattle, &c...	Under Schedule No 7A	On 14th Jan.

c Tenders will not be received at Poona for Cattle and Sheep for Slaughter and Beef and Mutton required for the Poona Commissariat.
b Tenders will not be received for Straw Rice required for the Karachi and Hyderabad Commissariat.
c Tenders will not be received for Potatoes required for the Disa, Karachi, and Hyderabad Commissariat.
d Tenders for Hospital Clothing and Bedding, &c., required for Bombay Commissariat, will be received by the Comt. Commissariat Storekeeper General, Bombay, as hitherto.

Poona ..... Ahmednagar .. Mhow ..... Disa ..... Ahmedabad Karachi .... Hyderabad.. Jubulpore .. Kamptee ..	Hired Carts with Bullocks, &c, ..	Under Schedule No 21	On 16th Dec.
Nasirabad ..	Hired Carts with Bullocks for conveyance of water from Dilwara	do	do
Karachi ..... Hyderabad.. Disa ..... Ahmedabad Bombay .... Deolali.....	Purchase of empty Hogsheads	Under Schedule No 16	On 16th Dec.
Poona Poona for Purandhur Ahmednagar..... Mhow ..... Nasirabad ... Nimach ..... Bombay .... Disa	Purchase of Cattle and Sheep offals and of Hides and Skins ..	Under Schedule No 47	On 8th Jan.
Jubulpore .. Jubulpore & Saugor..	Bhoosa.....	Under local Schedule	do
Mhow	Atta and Rice for Elephants	do	do
Karachi .... Hyderabad..	Lucerne	do	On 10th Jan.
Chief Comt Officer, Poona, for Poona, Ahmednagar and their subordinate stations	Mule and Bullock Equipments.		
Do Mhow for Mhow, Nimach, Nasirabad and their subordinate stations			
Do Jubulpore for Jubulpore and its subordinate stations		Under Schedule No 7	On 14th Jan.
Do Kamptee for Kamptee and its subordinate stations			
Do Karachi for Karachi and Hyderabad			
Comt Store-keeper Genl., Bombay, for Bombay, Disa, Ahmedabad, Aden, and their subordinate stations			

Tenders will also be received by the Comt. Storekeeper General, Bombay, for the above Contracts for Mule and Bullock Equipments separately for each Stations, namely, Poona, Mhow, Jubbulpur, Kamptee, and Karachi.

Kamptee ... Comt. Storekeeper Genl, Bombay, for Kamptee .	Cotton Settrenges of good quality as per sample	Under Schedule No 20	On 14th Jan.
	Tea, Indian, of good quality as per sample	Under Schedule No 29 A	
Comt Storekeeper Genl, Bombay	Animal Charcoal..	Under Local Schedule	On 20th Dec.
	Sewing Bed and Pillow-cases	do do	On 23rd Dec.
	Soap of sorts.....	do do No 48	do
	Hired Boat tonnage, Sea and Land carriage ...	do do No 23	On 6th Jan.
	Hired Horse Carriage for Passengers, hired Carts and Biggaries, &c	do do No 36	do

LOCAL CONTRACTS FOR SUBORDINATE STATIONS.

Deolali and Bombay for Deolali. Satara and Poona, for Satara .... Poona for Purandhur Abu & Disa for Abu ... Mhow for Indore..... Nasirabad for Tarapur ..... Saugor and Jubbulpur for Saugor Pachmarhi and Jubbulpur for Pachmarhi Kamptee for Seharbuldee	Kerosine Oil.....	Under Class B, Schedule No 5	On 16th Dec.
	Cattle and Sheep for slaughter, and Beef and Mutton.....	Under Schedule No 10-14	do
	Miscellaneous articles and Hired Carts and Coolies	Under Schedule No 2	On 20th Dec.

GENERAL CONTRACTS, COMPRISING THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL STATIONS IN THE PRESIDENCY, INCLUDING ADEN.

Comt Storekeeper Genl, Bombay	Oil Kerosine.....	Under Schedule No 24 A	On 16th Dec.
	Purchase of empty Hogsheads ...	do No 33	On 18th Dec.
	Diet and Table requisites	do No 4 B	On 20th Dec.
	Hospital Bedding and Clothing....	do No 22 A	On 23rd Dec.
	Hospital Wines....	do No 26 A	do
Comt Storekeeper Genl, Bombay, and Chief Comt Officer, Poona	Cooking Utensils .	Under Schedule No 4 A	On 20th Dec.
	Scgar for issue to Barrack and Hospital as per sample	do No 49	On 6th Jan.
	Cotton Sheets of good quality as per sample.....	do No 34	do

H. CLOWES, Lieut.,
For Commissary General.
Commissary General's Office, Poona, 6th Nov., 1889.

NOTICES.

SALE OF THE OCCUPANC

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LISTS.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amt.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash Rates.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.		
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	All	12 pct.	947½
Bank of Bengal	12,000	500	All	10 do.	1,000
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	All	14 do.	900
EXCHANGE BANKS.		£	£		
Agra Bank	10,000	100	All	6 do.	125
Hong. and Shanghai.	40,000	$125	All	..	255
National Bank	37,320	250	125	5 do.	185

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.					
Ahmedabad S. & W.	1,500	1,000	1,000		1300
Albert Edward Mills			60	12	375
Ang.-Indian Spinn.					
Bom. S. & Mfg. Co., Ld.	9,345	100	100	2	85
Bom. Mnf. Co., Ld..	1,000	600	500	...	300
Ahmedabad Ginning	700	1,000	1,000	..	..
Ahmedabad Mfg. &					
Calico Printing Co..	4,800	125	125	..	..
Ambica S. & M. Co..	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	..
Alliance Cotton Mfg.	1,500	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	550
Bellasy S. & W. Mill	371	50	50	Rs. 22½	530
Bombay Cotton Mfg.	600	50	50	Rs. 25	405
Bombay National Mfg. Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	..	600
Bombay United S. & W. Co.	900	1,000	1,000	Rs. 3	710
Borat Manufacturing Co., Ld.	2,750	20	20	Rs. 0	14
Central India S. & W. & Mfg. Co., Ld.	4,500	50	500	Rs. 50	1,180
Chowringhee Mf'g. Ld	1,20	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,020
Colaba Land & Mill Ld	4,000	700	700	Rs. 25	675
Connaught Mills Ld..	840	0	500	Rs. 1	675
Dawes S. & W. Ld. ...	1,500	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	505
David Mills Co., Ld. ..	1,000	5	Rs. 40	Rs. 25	510
Dhun Mills, Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	950
Empress S. & W. Co.	1,4154	60	60	Rs. ..	655
Framjee Petit S. and Mfg. Co., Ld.	250	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	535ex1
Gordon S. & Mfg. Co.	700	150	150	Rs. 20	130
Guzerat Ginning & Mfg. Co., Limited		1,000	1,000	..	...
Guzerat S. & W. Co..	420	1,000	1,000	...	83
Hindustan S. & W. Mills Co., Ld.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	795
Howard & Bullough Mills Co., Ld.	1,500	800	500	..	650
Hingunghat Mill Co..	700	575	500	Rs. 37	725nom
Hyderabad Deccan S.	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	715
Indian Mfg Co., Ld...	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	960xd
Imperial Cotton Mills	1,200	500	500	Rs. 20	510
Jamshed Mfg. Co.	1,200	35	35	Rs. 1	305
James Greaves Mill	1,200	50	50	Rs. 2	675
Jaffer Ali S. & W. Co., Ld., Original..	600	50	50		10
Increased ...	1,483	25	25	Rs. 1	
Jubilee Mfg. Co Ld...	900	1,000	1,000		775
Jewraj Balloo S. & W.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	915
Khandesh S. & W.	750	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	600
Khatow Makanjee S.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	585
Lakhmidas Khimjee	1,000	500	1,000	Rs. 50	865
Leopold S. Bleaching	2,000	0	100	Rs. 5	165
Madras United S.	3000		1,000	Rs. 100	2,000
Mahalaxmi S. & W.	650	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	550
Maharaja Mysore S.	4,500	100	100	Rs. 7	10
Managon S. & Mfg.	6,000	250	250	Rs. 5	117½
Morarjee Gocouldas S.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Rs. 75	1,625
Manekjee Petit Mfg.	4,050	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,175
New Great Eastern	1,500	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	690
National S. & W. Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	250
Oriental S & W. Co.,	5,720		225	Rs. 12½	395
People of India S. ..	1,000	50	250	Rs. ..	60
Presidency Mills Co.,	743	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,115
Prince of Wales S. ..	2,189		125	...	10
Queen S. & W. Co..	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	815
Ripon Mfg. Co., Ld ..	641	1,000	1,000	Rs. 5	1,125
Sasoon S. & W. Co., Ld.	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,59
Sassoon and Alliance Silk Mill Co., Ld. ..	1,716	50	500	...	500
Shalagram S. & W. Co.		10	1,000	Rs. 50	1,30
Secunderabad S. & W.	650	1,000	1,000	Rs. 35	415
Southern Mahratta S. & W. Co., Ld.	2,400	250	252	Rs. 15	220
Swadeshi Mills Co, Ld.	4,000	500	500	..	320
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	760
Sun Mills Ld	3,500	250	250	...	200
Victoria Mfg. Co., Ld..	600	0	1,000	Rs. 25	405
Veeramgaum S. & W.	800	500	500		..
Venishunker Luxmi-shanker Cotton Mill Co., Ld.		500	..	Rs. 20	500
Western India S. ..	1	1,000	..	Rs. 25	520
Britania.....	1,000	1,000	1,0 0	Nil	650

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G I P. R. Gt 5 per ct	...	£10	All at 5 p.c	2,550
B. B. & C. I. R. Guaran't'd 5 per cent.....	...	£ 18	... at 5 p.c	420

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar Cotton	200	1,250	1,250	Rs. 75	1,125
Albert Ginning Co....	100	500	500	Rs. 20	
Albert Press Co., Kurrachee	100	1,100	1,100	Rs. 100	710
Apollo Press Co. (small shares)	750	400	400	Rs. 20	267½
Bellary	620	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	405
Brem's Cawnpore P.	0	20	200	Rs. 16	105
Bombay Cotton Press.	100	2	125	Rs. 20	135
Colaba Press Co.	0	1,880	1,880	Rs. 55	365xd.
East India Press Co..	0	1,000	1,000	Rs. 130	1,225
English Press & Mfg.	400	250	250	Rs. 30	190
Fort Press Co.....	150	8,500	9,500	Rs. 0	1,450
French Press Co.	300	500	500	Rs. 30	350
Harvey & Sabapathy Khangaum Cotton Press Co	250	500	500	Rs. 25	445
Manmar Manfg. Co...	240	450	All	Rs. 45	370xd
Mercantile Press	1,400	250	250	Rs. 25	202½
Mofussil Co	1,500	125	125	Rs. 0	55
New Berar Cotton Ginning & Press Co.	3,125	400	400	Rs. 50	427½
New Indian Press....	1,350	500	500	Rs. 45	525
New P. of W. Press ..	4,000	125	125	Rs. 11	90xd
Sabapathy Press Co. Ld., (Bellary.).....	600	400	All	Rs. 40	340
Sind Press Co.....	500	500	500	Rs. 50	500
Sind & Punjaub Cotton Press Co.....	400	2,000	750	Rs. 50	470
Sassoon Press Co.....	100	1,000	1,000	Rs. 120	1,150
Volkart Press.....	800	500	50	Rs. 25	515
KhamgaumMnfg.Co	605	1,000	1,000	Rs. 60	595xd
	400		250		250nm

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown	1,000	200	200	10	200
	750	150	150	p.ct	145
Badham Pile & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Rs. 14	142
Bapty Co., Ld.'.....	625		185	Nil	60
Bombay Land & Building Co., Ld.....		00	0	6 p.c.	600
Bombay Flour Mill Co.	750	500	500	10 p.c.	630
Bombay Ice Co., Ld...	1,250	100	100	Rs. 5	88
Bombay & Burmah Trading Corporation.	1,000	2,500	165	Rs.	3,500
Do. (3rd issue) ...	2,000	62	375	Rs.	875
Municipal Bonds	...	...	...	p.c.	106
Clydesdale Dyeing Co.	1,000	500	...	...	200
Cooper, Madon Ld	2,000	100	100	Rs.	5
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	Nil	47
Delhi and Northern					
Flour	1,500	200	200	...	170
Co., Ld.	500	100	40	...	40
Guaranteed					
ip As....	5,000	100	10	10 p.c.	11
nd Gold					
o., Limited	42,000	25	25		5½
Lighterage	500	250	250	...	75
e., Ld.	4,000	200	175	Rs. 25½	365
o., Ld.....	4,000	00	100	Rs. 10	75
el Co.....	300	100	100	13 p.c.	70
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overnment Life Ass.	5,000	200	50	10 p.c.	210
poan Asso.	5,000	20	20	8 p.a.	20
g Co.	6,000	000	1000	Rs. 20	365
Mills	2,500	100	100	Nil	65
o., Ld.....	4,000	100	100	Rs.	101
o., Ld.....	1,600	100	...	9 p.c.	101
nd Austin.	1,000	...	25	...	90
Co., Ld.....	19,000	25	500	Rs. 5-8	12
& Co., Ld..	1,305	500	100	Rs. 85	1,270
Co., Ld.....	1,500	100		Rs. 10	130
ndia Flour	000	1	125	Nil.	35
y & Co ...					33
er City P., Ld	550	250	250	Rs. 15	230½

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

y Fire	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 100	850
e Fire	..	5,000	1,000	Rs. 75	800
Fire	110	4,000	1,000	Rs. 90	1,000
Wales.....	250	8,000	1,000	Rs. 100	1,700

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

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BOMBAY, 2nd December, 1889.

Observations at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·898
Temperature of the Air	75·2
Dry Thermometer	68·5
Wet	65·3
Relative Humidity of Air	718
Rainfall (in inches and decimals of an inch)	0·4
Highest temperature	82·7
Lowest	69·0
Prevailing direction of wind	SSE.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Fifth Criminal Sessions, 10 a.m.

Municipal Standing Committee, 3 p.m.

Wilson College, Lecture by Surgeon-Major Kirtikar, 5-45 p.m.

Framji Cowasji Institute—Address by Lord Radstock, 5-30 p. m.

Grant Road Methodist Church, Address by Lord Radstock, 8 p. m.

Switchback Railway, Music at 8 p. m.

Columbia Skating Rink, 5 to 7-30 p. m. 8-30 to 11 p. m.

Zenana Mission Sale of Work, The Lodge" Girgaum.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 2nd :—Arara (s), from Shields. Yesterday :—Chindwara (s), from Calcutta; Busheer (s), Marmugoa; Twickenham (s), Rangoon; and Java (s) Karachi.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The s. s. Teheran entered yesterday and s. s. Lombardy left the dock yesterday.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Persian Gulf, except for Gwadur, Jask and Muscat, close at Karrachee at 2 p. m. to-morrow.

WILSON COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.—The date of Mr. Chandawarkar's lecture has been altered to Monday, the 16th instant.

POSTAL NOTICE.—The next China and Australian mails per s. s. Oriental will be closed at the General Post Office on Friday, the 6th instant, 7 a.m.

BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY.—The statement for November is as follows :—Daily average attendance, 20,120 ; admissions, 2,122 ; prevailing diseases—fevers and dysentery.

A MISSING WIFE.—Mahadoo Sonnoo, residing at Chowpatty, reports that his wife, a girl aged 13 years, has been missing since Monday morning last. She had ornaments in her possession, valued at Rs. 10.

NEW LAW BOOK.—Mr. Jamietram Nanabhoy, B.A. LL.B. ; and G. S. Manker, Barrister-at-Law ; have commenced to print questions set at the examinations for the offices of Subordinate Judges, High Court, and District Pleaders from 1887 to 1889, inclusive with answers. This work will, no doubt, prove useful to students preparing for the examinations.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.—Gannoo Govind, a goldsmith, residing at Narelwady, Mazagon, reports that on the 23rd ultimo, he went away to his native country, leaving a man named Rama in charge of his premises, and entrusting him with gold ornaments, pearls, and cash of the collective value of Rs. 34. He returned on the 1st instant and found that Rama had absconded with all his property.

WISHING TO GO TO PRISON.—In this case, Parshotum Morojee was charged at the Esplanade Court with being drunk and disorderly on Monday evening, in the shop of Rugnath, a silversmith. A police sepoy, gave evidence that upon his interfering the accused struck him, knocking him down, and tearing his coat. Accused denied the offence, but expressed a wish that he might be sent to jail. He was fined one rupee, half of which was paid to the sepoy.

LORD RADSTOCK IN BOMBAY.—As will be seen from the advertising column, Lord Radstock will deliver a lecture to English-speaking natives at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute, this evening, at 5-30 p.m. Subject "Man's Need of God." All are cordially invited to attend. Lord Radstock will also deliver an address at the Grant Road Methodist Church this evening at 8 o'clock. Christians of all denominations are cordially invited to attend.

INTERESTING TO SMOKERS.—Mr. T. Hill, a Calcutta tobacconist, has brought out a patent tobacco-box which will be readily appreciated by Indian smokers. During the hot weather in India tobacco and cigarettes become so dry that they cannot be smoked. By a very simple contrivance Mr. Hill enables the smoker to have his tobacco or cigarettes moist. The box is well worth the price charged, and its size and shape allows of its being conveniently carried about in the pocket.

DEATH FROM BURNING.—An inquest was held by the Coroner yesterday at the Hindoo Burning-ground Sonapore, respecting the death of a Hindoo boy, aged 4 years, named Sonoo Sumboo. About fifteen days ago while deceased was sitting near a fireplace the ends of his dhotur, which was round his neck, caught fire. His legs and thighs were much burnt and he died on Monday. A verdict of accidental death from burns was recorded.

QUITE AN ACCIDENT.—A fireman from the P. and O. s. s. Oriental was charged with stealing a blanket. He stated that he left the vessel on Monday with his bedding, which was tied in a bundle. A Port Trust sepoy searched this bundle at the dock gate, and upon the blanket being found in it, the accused expressed the greatest surprise, protesting that the occurrence was quite an accident. For this unfortunate accident, he was required by Mr. Cooper, the presiding Magistrate, to pay a fine of rupees 10.

NOTHING TO PUT ON.—Redi Marbook, an Arab, was charged at the Esplanade Police Court with appropriating a blanket. He pleaded guilty, making the remark that his conscience would not allow him to do otherwise, and that it "was impossible for him to tell a lie." He said that he had nothing to put on and therefore took the blanket. He felt that he could not be doing wrong, as he had acted upon the advice of another siddee like himself. He was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 15 or in default to undergo 14 days' imprisonment.

HE MADE A MISTAKE.—A man named Bara Ramnam was charged at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday with stealing a number of pieces of cloth from the shop of one Hajee Juseb Hajee Ismail. The owner of the shop, in giving evidence, stated that the accused had been his servant and had occupied a position of trust for eleven months. Acting upon information received a few days ago, he went to the house of the accused, where he discovered all the cloth which he had missed, in a box. The accused, in answer to certain questions put to him, said that he had made a mistake and was sorry. He was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

FESTIVAL OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.—The annual festival of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated yesterday with more than ordinary pomp in the Dabul Church, preceded by solemn vespers, at which the Very Rev. Stanislau P. V. de Souza, the Vicar-General, presided, the panegyric of the feast was also delivered by him. The illumination for the vespers was very effective. The temple was tastefully decorated and a select choir executed the musical part satisfactorily. The ceremony was concluded with a grand precession, followed by the Benediction of the Sacrament, at the end of which the relics of the Saint was offered to the faithful to be kissed.

ASSAULTING A BEGGAR WOMAN.—An Monday evening a female mendicant named Fatma, aged 50 years, was assaulted by a Purdasee named Bugwandin Andoo, a watchman at the bungalow of H. H. Aga Khan on the Nepean Sea Road, where it appears the woman had gone to obtain monetary assistance. The woman was assaulted with a bamboo stick, whereby one of her arms was fractured. The injured woman is at present lying under treatment at the J. J. Hospital. Bhugwandin Andoo was yesterday charged at the Girgaum Police Court before Mr. P. Ryan, with the [illegible]t, but the case was postponed for hearing to [illegible]ant, pending the recovery of the woman.

[illegible]TCHBACK RAILWAY.—The Band of [illegible] Rifle Corps will play the fol-[illegible]ning at 8 o'clock :—

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stolen money in his possession. Sadullakhan Abdoolakhan was convicted and sentenced to three months rigorous imprisonment.

THE PARSEE AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—It is pleasing to learn that there has been a great demand for the orchestra stall tickets for the amateur dramatic performance at the Novelty Theatre tomorrow under the patronage and in the presence of her Excellency Lady Reay. Those who cannot secure the abovenamed seats will find the dress circle not the less fashionable as the front seats therein can be reserved at Rs. 3 each, but to those who wish to witness the performance at a cheaper cost there are the pit stalls at Rs. 1-8, and which afford a good view of the stage. As we said the other day these amateurs have been very successful in their representation of the English plays selected by them, and as the performance is for a charitable object we are sure the European as well as the Native communities will not be backward in encouraging these deserving actors by attending the theatre to-morrow in large numbers.

CAMA HOSPITAL.—Mr. Mowjee Shamjee Ludha has sent the handsome donation of Rs. 500 to the Endowment Fund of this hospital upon the occasion of his son's marriage. This excellent example is one which might be imitated were it known how much in need this institution stands of help. It is the only hospital in Bombay which has no Endowment Fund in any shape whatever, and the subscription list which was started two years ago in order to raise a Fund similar to that of the European Hospital suffered greatly from a misapprehension which existed in the public mind that the proceeds of the Fancy Fair held in February 1888 were devoted to this purpose. The mistake was probably due to the fact that the training school for nurses started and supported by Lady Reay's Committee is affiliated to the Cama Hospital; but the patients, to whom the endowment fund is needed, derived no benefit from this source. We think this fact needs only to be known to secure for the hospital the support it deserves.

DAILY IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 3.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Merton Hall, s—21 cases ale, Bull Bewan and Co ; 68 casks floor tiles, Warden and Co.

Clan Murray s—1 case cutlery, Hajee H Currim ; 8 cases currants &c, Pearse and Co.

Armenia s—2 cases toys, Esmall A Rehmon ; 1 case cutlery, A H Hiptoolabhoy.

FROM GLASGOW.

Clan Munro s—1 qr. cask whisky, Thomson and Taylor

Armenia s—25 packages chemicals, A Jewanji.

Strathmore s—135 cases whisky, P C Shroff and Sons.

FROM LONDON.

Mirzapore—2 cases toys, &c, H J Mamed Lutiff ; 6 cases ham, bacon and cheese, Keeso and Son ; 15 packages bacon and ham, N V. Currance and Co ; 701 kegs paint, Abdool H Chandabhoy ; 320 kegs paint, Joseph Soares ; 15 cases aniline dye, S Narsen and Co.

Clyde s—4 cases liquors, Cutler Palmer and Co.

Ganges s—3 cases ham and bacon, Edulji and Brothers

Atrato s—1 hogshead rectified spirit, M Russee and Co ; 23 bales straw boards, Volkart Brothers.

Huzara s—10 cases portwine, Cutler Palmer and Co.

Verona s—100 cases brandy, Jamsetjee Nowrojee.

Peninsular s—46 cases portwine, Cutler Palmer and Co.

FROM CHARANTE.

Satlej s—15 cases brandy, F A Davur and Sons.

Mirzapore s—100 cases brandy, D Cowasjee.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Merton Hall s—300 cases brandy, D Cowasjee ; 35 cases claret, Phipson and Co.

FROM HAMBURG.

Mirzapore s—1 case rum, S B Fraser and Sons.

FROM TRIESTE.

Poseidon s—2 cases writing paper, H Abdoolally ; 3 cases soap, N Hajee Cassum.

FROM ANTWERP.

Mrzapore s—14 cases aniline, and 300 cask alizerine dye, S Narsen and Co.

FROM NEW YORK.

Armenia s—21 packages clocks, Mooljee Gangji ; 4 cases tobacco, Hormusji S Irani.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 3.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Lancashire s—75 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co ; 250 bales wool, E D Sassoon and Co ; 5,999 cwts wheat, Tod Durant and Co ; 205 bales cotton, Lyon and Co ; 4,000 cwts wheat and 525 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co.

Merton Holl s—50 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co ; 1,250 cwts wheat, Damjee Ramjee ; 550 bales wool, Gooculdass Tulseedas. 2,100 cwts myrabollums, W and A Graham and Co ; 101 bales cotton, Khimjee Lukmidass and Co ; 501 cwts myrabollams, Jaitha Veeram ; 4,000 cwts wheat, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Armenia s—990 cwts teelseed, John Fachiri ; 1,000 cwts wheat, M Megjoe ; 2,001 cwts gingellyseed, David Sassoon and Co ; 2 bales waste silk, Aug. M Missahi.

FOR HULL.

Apollo s—8,000 cwts wheat, John Fachiri ; 18,000 cwts wheat, David Sassoon and Co ; 7,200 cwts bone meal, R Caderbhoy.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Cuba s—4,077½ cwts rapeseed, A Blascheck and Co ; 8,003½ cwts linseed, Killick Nixon and Co ; 650 cwts horns, Geo Lockhart and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Bosworth s—100 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co ; 110 bales cotton, Sir Charles Forbes and Co ; 2 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co ; 165 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—360 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co ; 55 bales cotton, Durst and Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Lawada s—84 bales catton, R Luchmondas.

FOR HONGKONG.

Oriental s—30 bales twist, Lalljee Cutchrd ; 100 bales cotton, Hajee Adum Esmall and Co ; 30 bales twist, The Jamshed Manufacturing Co ; 60 cwts fishmaws, Valljee Poonjee and Co ; 106 bales twist S H Talati and Co ; 2 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co ; 234 bales twist, Tata and Co ; 186 bales twist, C Macdonald and Co ; 63 cwts cloves, P F Talatee ; 59 bales twist, N Abraham ; 25 bales twist, C Macdonald and Co ; 60 bales twist, Silas E Sassoon ; 25 cwts sharkfins, Abdoola Mowjee ; 46 cases opium, P and O Co ; 50 bales twist, M Hajee Esac Elles ; 132½ cwts horns, Currimbhoy Ebram ; 50 bales twist, Lyon and Co.

Teheran s—200 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co ; 100 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co ; 76 bales twist, A H Chandy ; 300 bales twist, Framjee Sands and Co ; 77 cwts sandalwood, C Lalljee ; 15 bales twist, 187½ cwts sharkfins, and 75 cwts fishmaws, Currimbhoy Ebram ; 31 cwts sharkfins, Mahomed Nathoo ; 240 cwts sandalwood. J. Peerbhoy and Co ; 109 bales twist, D P Marker and Co.

Bormida s—40 bales twist, Cokerda Khetsey S Mills ; 55 bales twist, Ebram Noordeen and Co ; 300 bales twist, S E Sassoon and Co ; 5 bales twist, John Campbell and Co ; 63 cwts cloves, P F Talati ; 35 cwts old iron, Rajaram Tyabjee and Co ; 86 cwts olibanum and 162 cwts raisin, P F Talati ; 350 cwts raisin, Hajee Adum Esmall and Co ; 250 cwts onion, A Mossa ; 400 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Oriental s—156 bales twist, Finlay Muir and Co ; 1 case printed book, C A Cureem and Rahimtoola ; 15 bales twist, John Campbell and Co ; 25 bales twist, N J Abraham.

FOR KOBE.

Teheran s—1,316 bales cotton and 17 bales twist, Tata and Co ; 50 bales twist, John Campbell and Co ; 260 bales twist, Thos J Hill and Co ; 225 bales twist, The United Merchants Co Ld.

Bormida s—5 bales twist, John Campbell and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Bormida s—79 bales twist, John Campbell and Co ; 100 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

[illegible]30 p.m.—Special Service and Sermon by the Rev. [illegible]ldwyer Lewis.

[illegible]MBAY YOUNG MEN'S CRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

[illegible]ll be held on board the s. s. Merton Hall [illegible]ening at half-past seven [illegible]. The bethel S[illegible]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(*Gazette of India*, Nov. 30.)

ESTABLISHMENTS.

23th November, 1889.

The services of Lieut C S de B Martindale, Assist Commr, Burma, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab.

Mr C R Hawkins has been permitted to resign Her Majesty's Bengal Civil Service, with effect from the 8th November, 1889, or the subsequent date on which he sailed from India.

MEDICAL.

The services of Surgeon S. C. Nandi, M.B., Bengal Establishment, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department.

JUDICIAL.

With effect from the date on which he may assume charge of the office, and until further orders, Mr. J. W. Neill to officiate as Judicial Commissioner of the Central Provinces, *vice* the Hon'ble R. J. Crosthwaite.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

The Reverend A. Ferrier, an Assistant Chaplain of the Church of Scotland on the Bengal Establishment, to be a Chaplain of that Church, with effect from the 3rd instant.

The Reverend V. W. Kinsman, Chaplain of Nowgong, has obtained furlough, on medical certificate, for one year, with effect from the 1st December, 1889, or any subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it, together with the usual subsidiary leave.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, 14th November.

Sir Edward Buck, Kt, CS, returned from the privilege leave granted to him in Notification No. 1,006, dated the 18th October, 1889, and assumed charge of the office of Secretary to the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department on the forenoon of the 14th November, 1889, on which date Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie reverted to his appointment as Under-Secretary to the Government of India in that Department.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, 26th November.

With reference to Foreign Department Notification, No 900-G, dated the 22nd May, 1889, Mr J Woodtli, Consul for the Netherlands at Aden, resumed charge of his Office on the 26th October, 1889.

27th November, 1889.

Captain P J Melvill, Bengal Staff Corps, officiating Political Agent of the 3rd class, is posted as Assistant Commissioner of Merwara.

Lieutenant W C R Stratton, Bengal Staff Corps, officiating Political Agent of the 3rd class, is posted as First Assistant to the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Major C E Yate, CSI, CMG, Bombay Staff Corps, Political Agent of the 3rd class, is, on return from furlough, posted as Political Agent at Muscat, with effect from the date of assuming charge.

With reference to Foreign Department Notification No. 846-G, dated the 14th May, 1889, Mr J Woodtli, Consul for Germany at Aden, resumed charge of his Office on the 26th October, 1889.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

APPOINTMENTS.

The undermentioned officers are appointed Colonels on the Staff, with effect from the dates specified :—

Colonel A J C Birch, Bengal Staff Corps,—18th October, 1889.

Colonel J A Tillard, C B, Royal (late Bengal) Artillery,—10th November, 1889.

Colonel A Walker, RA, Inspector General of Ordnance, Bengal Circle, to officiate as Director General of Ordnance in India, during the absence of Major-General R F Lewis, RA, on general leave, from the 27th November, 1889, to the 31st January, 1890.

Staff Corps.

Second Lieutenant Henry Tweddell, West Yorkshire Regiment, officiating Wing Officer, 31st (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps from the 2nd August, 1888, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India.

Second Lieutenant Tweddell will rank as Lieutenant in the Bengal Staff Corps from the 2nd August, 1888, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

The undermentioned officers having completed eighteen months' probationary service, are admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the dates specified, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India :—

Lieutenant Henry Lawrence Fleming, Royal Sussex Regiment, officiating Wing Officer, 36th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry,—9th May, 1888.

Second Lieutenant George Ranier de Herriez Smith, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, officiating Wing Officer, 30th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry—21st April, 1888.

Second Lieutenant Alfred Percy Browne, 6th Dragoon Guards, officiating Squadron Officer, 1st Regiment, Central India Horse,—10th May, 1888.

Second Lieutenants Smith and Browne will rank as Lieutenants in the Bengal Staff Corps from the 21st April and 10th May, 1888, respectively, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

With reference to G G O No 923 of 1889, Second Lieutenant C U Price, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, is posted to the Bombay instead of the Madras Staff Corps, with effect from the date of his arrival in India.

FURLOUGH AND LEAVE.

The undermentioned officer is granted furlough out of India :—

Lieutenant G D Scott, RA, Subaltern, No 4 (Hazara) Mountain Battery, (m.c.) for one year, under rule XIV, clause 2, of the regulations of 1868.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India on private affairs under the leave rules for the staff corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—

Colonel W B Birch, Bengal S C., for one year.

Pension Service—31st year, commenced 30th November, 1888.

Captain C H Hayes, Bengal S C., 1st Regiment of Bengal Cavalry, for one year. Pension Service—12th year, commenced 20th July, 1889.

Lieutenant M Stevens, Bengal S C., Commissariat Department, for one year. Pension Service—6th year, commenced 5th December, 1888.

Lieutenant G H C Colomb, Bengal S C., 1st Battalion, 4th Gurkha Regiment, for one year. Pension Service—6th year, commenced 6th February, 1889.

Lieutenant D M Bower, Bengal S C, for one year. Pension Service—5th year, commenced 25th November 1889.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate under the leave rules for the Staff Corps ; the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing ; the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—

Lieutenant A R Dick, Bengal S C, 2nd Regiment of Punjab Cavalry, Punjab Frontier Force, for one year. Pension Service—9th year, commenced 22nd January, 1889.

The undermentioned warrant officers are granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate under the leave rules published in special India Army Circular of the 8th November, 1889 ; the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing ; the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—

Conductor P Wyer, Ordnance Department, for one year.

Conductor T Wilson, Ordnance Department, for one year.

The undermentioned officers have been granted extensions of furlough by the Secretary of State for India :—

Lieutenant Colonel C E D Branson, General List, Infantry, (m c) for two months.

Surgeon-Major J C Fullerton, MB, (p a) for sixty-one days.

Sub-Conductor J Cheria, Supervisor, 1st grade, Public Works Department, Hyderabad, granted leave in India, (p. a.) for one year, under the leave rules published in special India Army Circular of the 8th November, 1889.

PENSIONS.

Sub-Conductor Joseph Cooper, of the Miscellaneous List, is transferred to the Pension Establishment.

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotion is made, subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

BENGAL STAFF CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major John Robert Burlton-Bennet.

RETIREMENTS.

Deputy Surgeon-General Phillip Warren Sutherland is permitted to retire from the service, with effect from the 5th February, 1889, subject to Her Majesty's approval. (G G O Nos. 410 and 478 of 1889 are cancelled.)

The undermentioned officers have been permitted to retire from the service, with effect from the dates specified, sub

SALES BY AUCTION.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.,
No. 1, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS.

SALE OF CHANDELIERS, PIPES, CIGARS, &c.

Under instructions from the Committee, Byculla Club, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 4th December, at 3 p.m., in the compound of the Byculla Club, consisting of bronze gas chandeliers, iron and lead pipes, oil casks, empty wine and flour casks, China matting, waste paper, sugar tins, glasses (broken), venetian window shutters, and sundry articles.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 4th December 1889.

BENNET AND COMPANY,
No. 5, APOLLO STREET.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 4th December, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Tardeo, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood French-polished household furniture (made to order), best plated ware, rich crockery and glass ware, very handsome 4 and 3 light hanging kerosine lamps of superior quality, large size pier glasses in gilt frame, rich Brussels and Persian carpets, firstrate oleographs in gilt frame, a large quantity of copper utensils, &c., the property of the Tarwady Parsee Club.

The property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 7th December, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No 27, Albion Place, Byculla, handsome teakwood and blackwood French-polished household furniture, plated, glass and crockery ware, fancy Japanese and China vases, rich table ornaments, oleographs and pictures, Persian and Brussels carpets, handsome table and hanging kerosine lamps, &c., the property of G. H. COLE, Esq.

The property will be on view four days before the sale.

On SATURDAY, the 7th instant, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms, a quantity of grey and colored piece-goods, prints, &c.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong glass-fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.
1 handsome strong bay Australian gelding, quiet to ride and drive.
1 second-hand E. B. four-seated open carriage in very good order by "Kesterton."
1 strong bay powerful Arab horse, 14-2½, 8 years old, quiet to ride and drive.
1 chesnut Arab galloway, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 handsome strong glass-fronted miniature brougham, with handsome strong bay Australian horse and harness.

AUCTION SALE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES MILLS.

On MONDAY, the 9th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., Auctioneers, will, by order of the mortgagees, put up for sale by Public Auction in one lot, at their sale rooms No. 22, Apollo Street, the leasehold property hereunder described, and the engines, boilers, machinery, and plant, belonging to the Prince of Wales Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, on account and at the risk of the mortgagors, the said Prince of Wales Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, under a power of sale contained in the indenture of mortgage, bearing date the 15th day of April, 1885. All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground, containing by admeasurement twenty-four thousand five hundred and forty-seven square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 53, 59 and 288, situate on the south side of a public passage on the Chinchpoogly Road, in the sub-district formerly of Mandvie, but now of Bombay, in the island of Bombay, and bounded on the north by the said public passage, on the south by the property of Manockjee Sorabjee Powalla, on the east by a public passage, and on the west partly by the property of Haji Gool Mahomed Haji Abdool Rehiman, partly by the property of Hajee Mahomed Haji Abdool Rehiman, and partly by the property of Haji Abdool Sookoor Cuddoo, which said premises were formerly and now are in the possession of the Prince of Wales Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, together with the buildings and erections standing thereon, and all rights, easements, and appurtenances belonging thereto.

The above described property is held under a lease dated the 16th day of April, 1879, for a term of 95 years, from the 2nd day of October, 1878.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned, or to Messrs. Payne, Gilbert and Rayan, attorneys for the mortgagees, at their offices, No. 20 Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

On TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Love Lane, Byculla, in the bungalow lately in the occupation of Mr. Premchand Roychand, by order of the trustees, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood plain and carved F. P. household furniture, 1, 2, 4, and 8-lights hanging argand lamps, 2 and 4-light wall shades, handsome large velvet and Brussels carpets, handsome open-carved large screens, handsome large clocks by "James McCabe" and other well-known makers, rich table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese vases, first-rate pictures and oleographs, large size globe lamps, garden benches and chairs, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

On WEDNESDAY, the 11th December, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Gowalia Tank Road, the stock-in-trade of Messrs. Gangjee Veerjee and Co., closing up his G. Tank establishment, consisting of blackwood and teakwood french-polished plain and carved household furniture of the latest design, best plated ware, rich and crockery and glass ware, very handsome Satsuma and [illegible] carpets, pieces of rich prussi and cumlis for lining table and hanging kerosine lamps, and many other sundry articles.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

On THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at "The Middle Altamont," Cumballa Hill, the very valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood French-polished substantial-made household furniture of the latest design and best workmanship by "Wimbridge" and "John Roberts," best plated ware, very rich crockery and glassware, handsome China and Japanese flower vases, rich table ornaments, first-rate oil paintings and oleographs, very rich Persian and velvet carpets, a first-rate mahogany grand square pianoforte by Schiedmayer, in very good order, a handsome English-built four-wheeler dog-cart nearly new, a collection of choice plants, &c., the property of A. LESLIE, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

On SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Colaba, near the Post Office, the valuable handsome blackwood and teakwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture, best plated ware, rich crockery and glassware, firstrate pictures and oleograph, rich table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese vases, a stylish victoria to hold four inside built to order last year in excellent order, a set of brass-mounted double harness, &c., &c., the property of Brigade-Surgeon PRESTON.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view 4 days before the sale.

BENNETT & CO.

Bombay, December 4.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
7, MARINE STREET.

SALE of handsome Arab and Hungarian horses at the Stables of Shaik Essa bin Curtas, Bellasis Road, Byculla.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 4th December, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Stables of Shaik Essa bin Curtas, Bellasis Road—

A number of handsome fresh Arab horses, consisting of hunters, chargers, and hacks; also a pair of black Hungarian geldings, broken in harness.

SALE OF BURNT AND DAMAGED STORES.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY the 4th December, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at Tamarind Lane, Fort, below the offices of Messrs. Morarjee Gouldas and Co., on account of the concerned—

A quantity of stores burnt and damaged at the fire in Sassoon's Building, Apollo Street, consisting of iron blocks, beam scales, platform scales, brass and copper scales, iron and brass padlocks, chains, bolts and nuts, rivets, washers, safes and chests, hinges, iron and copper nails, files, anvils, saws, spades, shovels, screw-jacks, vices, sheets, wire, &c., &c.

On SATURDAY next, the 7th December, sale commencing at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Wodehouse Road, Colaba, near the Tramway Terminus, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, crockery and glassware, table and hanging lamps, pictures, carpets, ornaments, &c., the property of E. TAURINES, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

PRIME MESS BEEF FOR SALE.

On MONDAY next, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms, by order of Messrs. James Mackintosh and Co., in lots to suit purchasers—

10 casks extra prime mess beef, landed on 16th Nov. ex s. s. Belgravia.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY, together with a Ginning Factory and the Machinery, Appurtenances and Stores belonging thereto situate, lying and being at the village of Bhiral Talpad, Babriawad, in the Native State of Joonagud.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, at the request of the mortgagee, Thucker Jaithabhai Naronjee, on the 8th day of January 1890, at their Auction Rooms in Marine Street, within the Fort of Bombay, at 4 p.m., sell by Public Auction, on account and the risk of the mortgagor, Thucker Jeewun Dayal, the undermentioned property, under a power of sale, contained in a deed of mortgage, dated the 16th day of July, 1888, and made between the said Thucker Jeewan Dayal of the one part and the said Thucker Jaithabhai Naronjee of the other part.

All that piece of leasehold land, together with the ginning factory, and all buildings, fixtures, plants machinery, and all appendages and appurtenances thereto, admeasuring ten biggas or thereabouts, registered under No. and situate in the village of Bhiral Talpad, Babriawad, in Junagud Talooka, and together with coals, oil, and other sundry goods, lying in and about the said mill premises, and bounded as follows:—On the east by batty ground or field of Sha Jaitha Bhojraj, on the west by the Adalut of Nawab of Joonagud, on the north by the property of Nawab of Joonagud, and on the south by public passage, and which said hereditaments and premises and ginning factories are now in the possession of the said Jaithabhoy Naronjee as mortgagee thereof.

Any intending purchaser will be at liberty to inspect the said land, premises and ginning factory, machinery, &c., on obtaining permission note from Jethabhai Naronjee, which will be given on application to the undersigned.

Conditions of sale and particulars regarding the said sale and the said property, can be had on application to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, December 4, 1889.

NOTICE.

LETTERS, PAPERS and TELEGRAMS intended for delivery to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR and the PRIVATE SECRETARY, which cannot be delivered before 5 p.m. on SUNDAY, 8th December, at BELLA VISTA, MAHABLESHWUR, should be addressed to COUNCIL HALL, POONA, up to 9 p.m. on MONDAY, 9th; then to MALABAR POINT, Bombay, up to 9 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 11th; and thereafter to His Excellency the Governor's Camp, without the addition of any post town.

G. W. EDGERLEY,
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3 cases green aniline colour.
1 case coloured woollen cloth.
1 „ white flannel.
1 „ coloured cotton tweed.
3 cases coloured velvet.
3 cases stout Brown British
2 cases white Gauze 12M50.
2 bales grey mulls.
3 „ grey shirtings.
1 case white mulls.

On account of the concerned—
1 case lamp and gas shades.
1 artificial horizon.
1 galvanic battery, &c., &c.

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Bombay, December 2, 1889.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 3.

SILVER advanced 3-16d. in London yesterday returning to last Tuesday's price of 44 ½d. per lb.; but Saturday's quotations are repeated for Rupee Securities in each denominations. Consols were ⅛ higher at 97⅞, Indian Sterling Loan was unchanged at 107. Some further extra allotments of Council Bills were made yesterday, say, three lakhs on Bombay, at 1s. 4 15-16d., and two lakhs on Madras, at 1s. 4 31-32d.; these rates being 1-16d. and 3-32d. higher, respectively, than that obtained at the regular sales on Wednesday. French Rentes in Paris were ½ per cent. lower, at 87½; Exchange on London was rather easier, at francs 25·23½.

The Wheat and Seed markets were unchanged. The Goat Skin sale opened in London yesterday, with Bombay skins firm at an advance of 1d. per lb. Madras skins were also firmer. The number of Goat Skins offered at this sale is 920,000; and 740,000 Sheep Skins will also be put forward.

Cotton closed steady in Liverpool last evening, both generally and for Surats, the total sales having aggregated 10,000 bales, inclusive of 600 Surats. The price of Mid.-American remained at 5 9-16d. per lb., and quotations for Surats as well as for American arrivals, come quite unaltered. The day's Imports were 27,000 bales. The Manchester market was quiet but steady.

In New York, 10¼ still remained the price for spot Mid.-Uplands, March futures being quoted one point higher than Saturday's rate for February, at 10·18 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were rather light, compared with those of the corresponding day in both the preceding two years, the following comparison being now shown by the figures to date:—

	1889.	1888.	1887.
Monday's Receipts ...	48,000	56,000	58,000
Two days' do. ...	91,000	85,000	99,000
Since 1st Sept.	3,175,000	2,687,000	3,215,000

The improved demand for ready Cotton, which obtained in our local market yesterday, has not been sustained to-day, and indeed was anything but general while it lasted. Business has been upon a small scale, something less than 1,500 bales, all of ready new stuff, having been taken, consisting, in about equal proportions, of Bengals, at Rs. 180-84; Julgaum, at Rs. 205-5½; Dhulia, at Rs. 197½-8; and Pachora, at Rs. 197½ per candy. Enquiry for arrival contracts is still absent; and prices generally are steady at previous quotations.

WHEAT.—Exporters continue out of the market, and a quiet feeling prevails, only a few transactions, on the basis of last prices, having transpired to-day.

SEEDS are unchanged in value all round. Only a small business in Linseed and Rapeseed has been done to-day in a quiet market, other descriptions, with the exception of Gingelly for which there is some enquiry, being neglected.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay on Sunday and yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton.....	9,674 bales.
Wheat	47,351 cwts.
Linseed	7,794 „
Rapeseed.....	2,067 „
Gingelly.....	20,510 „
Poppyseed.....	1,819 „
Ground Nuts.....	2,250 „
Castor Seed	1,979 „

FREIGHTS are steady at previous quotations, but with scarcely anything doing. Business has been done to-day for Liverpool, this month's shipment, at 18s. 6d. to 18s. 9d. for Wheat; and for Marseilles, in seeds, for February shipment, at 20s. per ton.

EXCHANGE has been firm to-day but with little business passing either way, both buyers and sellers waiting to learn if the reported increase in Silver coinage in the United States is referred to in the President's message. We quote forward Credits at 1s. 5 3-16d. for this month, and 1s. 5 7-32d. for January delivery; and Bank Telegraphic at 1s. 4 15-16d. for December, and 1s. 5d. for January Transfer, ready rates being as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand		1s. 4 15-16d.	per rupee.
Do.	Telegraphic	1s. 4 29-32d. to 15-16d.	„
Do.	3 months' sight	1s. 5 1-32d.	„
Credits	3 do.	1s. 5 3-16d.	„
Francs	3 do.	1·81	„

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been quiet, 98 11-16 having been the price of Fours for Money in the earlier part of the day, Calcutta having come 98 9-16; and for Account there were buyers at 98⅝; but rates hardened afterwards, and 98½ became the cash rate, 98½ being named for the 6th January settlement. For 4½ per cents 102⅝ is still the nominal quotation.

SHARES.—There has been rather less movement in Spinning Mill scrip to-day, and in two or three cases some advance in price has taken place. Hyderabad Deccan Mill Shares are Rs. 15 higher, at Rs. 715; Coorla and Presidency are Rs. 5 up, at Rs. 505 and Rs. 1,115, respectively. On the other hand, Khatao Makanji are Rs. 10 lower, at Rs. 585, and Swadeshi, at Rs. 320. In other shares, Mofussil Press are Rs. 2½ higher, at Rs. 427½. Alcock Ashdown, second issue, are Rs. 5 lower, at Rs. 145. Treacher have declined Rs. 5, say to Rs. 1,270. M. M. Mody and Co. are Rs. 10 lower, at Rs. 38. Agra Bank shares are Rs. 3 higher, at Rs. 125 per share.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

ADEN, DEC. 3.

The Italian steamer Singapore left here for Bombay at 3 p.m. yesterday.

The Anchor Line steamer Belgravia, homeward bound, passed here to-day.

HONGKONG, DEC. 3.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Venetia (extra) arrived here from Bombay at 5 p.m. yesterday.

COLOMBO, DEC. 3.

Mail steamer Coromandel, from China, arrived.
Mail steamer Chusan, from Calcutta, arrived.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORTS.

(DECEMBER 3.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
Continent of Europe.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
America.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
Australia.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
China.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
Turkish route to Pera right.
Moulmein route to Siam right.
Section Bangkok-Saigon still interrupted.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

LATEST dates of foreign messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p m. of the 3rd Dec. 1889.

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission.* Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	...	...	...	...	...
Teheran	3	6	43	...	17
Suez	3	7	23	...	59

* Difference in longitude allowed for.

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. on 3rd Dec. 1889.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time H.	M.
From Calcutta	2	14	...	7
„ Kurrachee ...	...	15	...	2
„ Madras...	3	38	...	50

THERMOMETER READING

MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMB
10 p.m. ... ...

TUESDAY, DECEMB
6 a.m. ... ...
10 a.m. ... ...
2 p.m. ... ...
4 p.m. ... ...

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

DALAL—December 2, at Broach, Peeroshaw Rustomjee Dalal, Merchant.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

GAVIN—November 26, at Fatehgurh, Mrs G Fitz Austin Gavin, of a son (posthumous.)

MARRIAGE.

SAVAGE—OLDHAM—November 21, at Dhurmsala, by the Rev J R Lewin, William Henry Savage, 1st Battalion 3rd Goorkhas, to Rosa Edith, daughter of Brigade-Surgeon G F Oldham.

DEATH.

BIRCH—November 25, at Lucknow, Gilbert Inglis (Bino), the dearly loved son of Frederic William and Rose Florence Birch, aged 1 year, 4 months and 5 days.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1889.

THE reference which Lord Salisbury made at the Mansion House Banquet to the Anti-Slavery Conference in Brussels accentuated the international importance of the meeting, and gives special interest to the telegram from Brussels which we published yesterday. We do not know how far the resolutions reported thus far represent the unanimous views of the Conference, but if they are to be taken as the final outcome of its deliberations, some sacrifices have evidently been made in order to ensure unanimity. Certain delicate, but very important, questions connected with the slave traffic do not appear to have been touched upon. The Conference have been invited, unofficially, it is true, to consider whether slavery should not be declared to be piracy and brought under the pains and penalties attaching to the offence under the recognized practices of international law. Still more urgent have been the solicitations to it to deal with the vexed question of the right of search, but despite the urgency with which this matter has been brought forward—perhaps because of it—nothing seems to have been done. The explanation may be found in a telegram that reached us last week. France, it was said, looked upon the conference as an attempt to isolate her, and to question the attitude which she had taken up in regard to the right of search. The position of France in regard to this matter has all along been uncompromising. However clear the evidence of a vessel being a slaver might be, let her only carry French papers and fly the French flag, and no other nation should have a right to search her, or interfere with her movements in any way. Here France has indeed isolated herself from Europe. As far back as 1841 the protection to the slave traffic which France persists on giving, had been withdrawn by all the other Powers, not excluding Russia. The frequent solicitations of her neighbours to waive rights, the operation of which tended to the prolongation of cruelty and suffering, have availed nothing, and slaves are carried in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean in defiance of blockades and the police of the seas, solely because the French Government refuses to sacrifice its jurisdiction over every villain who may use its flag to cover his malpractices. There is, indeed, another side to the case, for no one has ever supposed that France insisted upon her rights out of any sympathy for slave trading. The answer of the French Government has always been that her own officials must deal with offences committed upon ships flying her flag, and carrying her papers. Let a French man-of-war come across one of these boats, they say, and our officials will deal rigorously with everyone who is implicated. But this is an unreal way of meeting the case. If the French navy had any such representation as the English navy has on the coast of East Africa—if, for example, it had a naval force like the detachments of the East-Indian squadron which are constantly in African waters—the answer might suffice. But it would be as easy to find a policeman in the desert as to find a French public vessel in the waters where the slave traffic abounds. There is, therefore, nothing beyond a technical excuse for the traditional attitude of France upon this point, the validity of which disappears under the weight of the serious practical and moral objections which are to be brought against it. Now and again we hear of British vessels coming across slave dhows, the owners of which, though detected *in flagrante delicto*, escape scotfree, because they have taken the precaution to cover themselves under the legal fiction of French colours and French jurisdiction. Some of the best efforts of other nations to put down slavery are thus rendered abortive by the obstinacy with which the French Government adhere to a mere theory. This has been made the subject of frequent protests, but apparently with no effect. The Brussels Conference will have risen without declaring slavery to be piracy; without persuading France to put herself in line with her neighbours in regard to the right of search, and without having decided upon establishing at Zanzibar the international court for dealing with slaves and slave-dealers which has often been advocated.

The Conference seem to have resolved to rely rather upon measures taken in Africa itself than upon an efficient police in African waters, for a diminution in the slave trade. If their conclusions seem disappointing in this respect, it must be remembered that they deliberated under difficulties. The consciousness that France would insist upon the rights of her flag, even when it was fraudulently used to cover crimes against humanity, must have had a distinctly restraining influence upon the proceedings. The consequence is that the Conference has broken up without having left upon its records the promise of great results. What, for example, can be expected of the establishment of anti-slave flotillas upon the great African Lakes? The slave traders, if they find that their route across the Lakes is barred, will make new routes for themselves, which the ardour of troops suggested by the Conference—apparently in accordance with Cardinal Lavigeuri's proposals—would scarcely be able to obstruct. What, again, can railways do in the sacred cause? Four years ago a railway from Suakin to Berber was confidently recommended—and as confidently begun—as a means not only of taking an expedition to the Nile for the rescue of Gordon, but as a means of carrying civilization and commerce amongst the tribes who owned allegiance to Osman Digna. Those of the [illegible] that have not sunk into the sand [illegible] Suakin have been taken back to [illegible] and now form a peaceful tramway [illegible] of this kind take no account [illegible]

of the Powers that be. Sir Samuel Baker's and Gordon's work in the Bahr-el-Gazelle has been utterly destroyed, and we are left with Gordon's dispiriting lament that until the last drop of ink has been squeezed out of the blotting paper slavery will not be stamped out of Africa. The most that can be done with such an evil is to confine it as closely as we can within its own area. The Mahdi in the Soudan, El Senoussi in the vast stretch of territory over which the influence of that fanatical leader extends in Northern Africa, are beyond our reach, and can be smitten only when they come against us in hostile array. How, for example, can the traffic that is carried on in Tripoli be circumscribed by international action? Such force as there is on the boundless deserts of Northern Africa is on the side of the slave-trade, and it cannot be supposed that any of the powers who took part in the Brussels Conference would care to enter upon a campaign of humanity in that uninviting region. There would be no local force either in opinion or in material support, to co-operate in the enterprise. Over the greater part of the area indicated slavery is one of the most deeply rooted of the domestic institutions of the country, with marked divergences in the degree of the brutality which accompanies it. The slave-trade that concerns us most is that with which our cruisers cannot effectively deal. Cardinal Lavigeri estimates the number of slaves which are carried from Africa each year as not less than two millions. His figures are affected by his enthusiasm; a cautious and competent French writer on the subject puts the number at not more than a quarter of a million, and he is most likely much nearer the mark. Our blockade of the East African Coast is at an end, and so much of the crusade as was carried on there—and the most effective part—has been suspended. If the Brussels Conference, instead of relying so largely upon operations inland, had concerted measures for an international police of the sea, which should intercept the traffic between the Red Sea ports and the Hedjaz, a more practicable precaution would have been taken. The attitude of France in the matter is the more disappointing inasmuch as an especially active trade in slaves, which has its gathering ground in Shoa and the Harrar country, finds an outlet in the Gulf of Tajourah, a region over which France has strong influence, some of the petty chieftains of the coast being under her protection. Meanwhile, whatever the results of the Conference may be, England has on her own account made one contribution to the relief of man's estate in Africa which is not likely to be surpassed by any thing which may be the early outcome of its deliberation. The English Government, whom Mr. Gladstone is now endeavouring to convict of injurious meddling in Crete, have meddled to some purpose in Zanzibar, when the Sultan has been persuaded to effect an almost immediate abolition of slavery. We hear, sometimes of other influences being in the ascendent at Zanzibar: British influence is at all events still powerful for good works there.

THE Taluka of Amalner, in the Khandeish Collectorate, is not one of the localities which support the contention that India under the British administration is a pray to the hastening ills of poverty and soil exhaustion. There has been published lately, in the "Selections from the Records" of the Bombay Government, a series of papers upon the recent revision survey settlement of the Taluka, which give a cheerful—perhaps an exceptionally cheerful—record of progress in the condition of the agricultural classes. When the Taluka was originally settled in 1857 the population was a little over sixty-six thousand; it has in the interval grown by thirty thousand. Now if the Amalner Taluka belonged to the area in which population is pressing more heavily on the soil every year and reducing the margin available for cultivation, we should see the evidences of it in a diminution in the number of houses and implements and cattle. But such indications as these are altogether wanting. The number of houses has increased almost in exact proportion with the population. Agricultural cattle have increased by more than twenty-three per cent., and if there is a slight diminution in the number of other kinds of cattle the reason is that a large part of what was formerly waste grazing land has been brought under cultivation—under cotton cultivation largely, which is scarcely going backwards. As it is there is a pair of oxen to every eighteen acres of cultivated land, a proportion which is held to be ample on the light soil of Khandeish. There are nearly twice as many horses in the Taluka as there were thirty years ago, and the number of carts has increased by over fifty per cent., this being the result of a large carrying trade which has sprung up between the chief markets and the railway. The revised settlement is based upon an exceedingly favourable estimate of the capabilities of the soil and other "general considerations" which tend to agricultural prosperity. The rule which limits enhancement on revision to 33 per cent. upon the old rates has prevented a larger rise than that to which sanction has been given; but there seems to be no doubt on the part of the revenue authorities as to the reasonableness of the rates proposed, to which by the way no exception has been taken by the ryots. Amalner, with its 250 villages, is of course only an insignificant patch in a single collectorate, and it would be unwise to draw large inferences from so narrow a set of facts. The pity is that these "Selections from the Records," all of which are useful for their own particular purpose, have not yet been dealt with in such a way as to make them really instructive as to the manner in which the revised settlements bear upon the condition of the agricultural population. A considerable number of these have now been issued. Has not the time come when the Government might with advantage put them in the hands of a competent reviewer, so that the general results may be laid before the public in an intelligible way? There is a wealth of valuable information in these books, and no one seems the wiser.

IN a speech which he [illegible] few days ago Lord [illegible] of the Educational [illegible] to uniformity [illegible] these resolutions [illegible] this [illegible]

the Presidency before drawing it up. He "invited remarks" upon it only after it had been submitted to half the officers of the Department,—and he has got them. The Rev. R. Patterson, of the Madras Christian College, has addressed to the managers of Aided Schools an indignant protest against the substance of the Director's proposals, and the manner in which he has brought them forward. The very people who could have advised him—the people without whose help the Government could not carry on its education work—have been passed over, and it is, therefore, incumbent upon them, in Mr. Patterson's view, to protest loudly against this attempt to enforce departmental ideas upon institutions outside the Department. The Madras Education Department, indeed, seem to have chosen for their ideal the method of M. Duruy, the Minister of Education under the Second Empire, whose boast it was that he was able at any moment of the day to indicate what every pupil in every school in France was doing. And the uniformity which is sought after in Madras is intended to be imprinted upon the smallest details of school management. It is not enough that the aided schools, their structure and arrangement, their discipline and management, shall conform to the general ideas of the Department. Every detail is to be brought into agreement with the inelastic standards set up in the draft notification; failing that there will be no grant. Mr. Patterson and his committee scarcely go too far when they contend that the practical effect of the enforcement of the proposed rules will be the transference of the entire management of every recognised institution to the Director of Public Instruction. The fussy concern of the Department to have every detail under its control descends more than once to the ridiculous. The paragraph which prescribes the furniture and apparatus to be employed if a school is to receive Government aid embraces the minutest detail. It is in this wonderful paragraph that the Director, who has evidently made a scientific study of the sitting attitude in men and boys, insists that the school benches shall be "broad enough to give support almost to the whole length of the thigh." The care which is taken to give precise directions on this point would only be explicable if the thigh were the seat of intelligence. Mr. Patterson drily observes that "it is not inconceivable that good educational work might be done, though the bench on which the pupil sits should not support almost the whole length of the thigh"—a retort upon the Director which the frivolous might say "had him on the hip!" Not less absurd is the instruction that a register of drill and gymnastics shall be kept, in which the weight and stature of boys shall be entered. Fond mothers are believed surreptitiously to weigh their infants once a week, and the automatic weighers which are to be found on every railway platform in England may encourage this and worse practices. But for all that we do not see why a school which otherwise does its task well should be refused recognition because it does not keep a clerk of the scales on the premises, who might have to co-operate, for anything we know, with some "weight for age" scheme of a sporting Director of Public Instruction. Seeing that the aided schools are rendering such important service to Government in its higher educational work, it is as impolitic as it is absurd to impose upon these schools restrictions which are some of them too inelastic even for institutions directly under the Department. The principle which should guide the relations between the Education Department and the aided schools was clearly laid down by the Education Commission. The Department, the Commissioners urged, should let aided institutions grow after their own fashion, interfering with that growth only in cases of extreme necessity. The Draft Code violates this principle in nearly every section, and we are not surprised to learn that Mr. Patterson and his friends intend to appeal against it to the Government of India, and even to the Secretary of State if necessary.

T. R. H. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT left Bombay for Poona by the G. I. P. Railway passenger train at 7-36 a. m. yesterday. Shortly before that time, their Royal Highnesses drove up to the Victoria Terminus, where they were met by General Budgen, Major Sawyer, Captain Steele, and Captain Bode of the District Staff, Captain Forbes, Aide-de-Camp, attended on behalf of his Excellency the Governor, and Mr. Scannell, Superintendent of the G. I. P. Railway Police. The Governor's saloon carriage was attached to the train for their Royal Highnesses' accommodation. The Duke was attended by Colonel C[illegible] Military Secretary, Colonel Becher, Equ[illegible] Waiting, and Captain Herbert and Captai[illegible] son, Aides-de-Camp. Their Royal Highn[illegible] turn to Bombay on Saturday next; and [illegible] the same evening, attended by Colonel [illegible] Cavaye, Captain Herbert, and Dr. Ki[illegible] Bhooj and Rajkote by the B. B. and C[illegible] way.

LADY REAY proposes to visit the Par[illegible] in Hospital, Queen's Road, this afternoon

TELEGRAMS.

(CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.)

THE DECCAN MINING CONCESSION.

FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

It is announced in the *Times* that all the disputes in connection with the concession of the Nizam's mining rights have been settled by an arrangement approved by the India Council.

The chief feature of the arrangement is that the concessionaires pay to the company £150,000 free of all charges, taking deferred shares for that amount without interest, until five per cent. dividend is paid on the original capital.

The *Times* expresses approval of this settlement.

DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

Lieutenant-General Sir Henry D'Oyley Torrens, Governor of Malta, is dead.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

DECLARATION ON THE SILVER QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

The President, in his Message to Congress, states that the Government is not in favour of free coinage of silver at the present ratio.

THE QUESTION OF EXTRADITION.

The Message recommends an addition to the number of offences for which extradition should be granted between the United States and Great Britain.

THE PORTUGUESE IN EAST AFRICA.

The Message announces that the Government has protested against the action of Portugal at Delagoa Bay.

RECOGNITION OF THE BRAZILIAN REPUBLIC.

The President has instructed the United States Minister to Brazil to recognise the Republic when the majority of the nation have consented to the change of Government.

THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME IN ENGLAND.

At the convention of the Liberal Federation at Manchester the President declared that the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales and Free Education should have precedence in the Liberal scheme of reform.

THE RUBY MINES MURDER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The case of the soldier Grange, who was convicted of the murder of two Burmese women in the Ruby Mines District some time back, has again come up before the High Court, on a reference made by a Special Court consisting of the Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon, who, after delivering two judgments, passed the following order :—"In view of different opinions we hold upon the question whether the Recorder has jurisdiction to entertain the application made by Government for the retrial of the prisoner Grange, and in view also of the importance of having an authoritative decision upon that question, we think it necessary to refer it for determination to the Calcutta High Court. A decision has not yet been arrived at by the Judges, but should any difficulty arise the Advocate-General will be asked to address the Court on the matter.

AN OPENING FOR BRIGADIERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 3.

It is intended to introduce the principle that all Brigadiers in the Indian Army shall be chosen for Colonels on the Staff.

THE SIKKIM NEGOTIATIONS.

The Chinese Amban is reported to be still at [illegible] waiting to see if the Government of [illegible] open the Sikkim negotiations.

[illegible] affording a similar display of pati[illegible]ng.

[illegible] CACHAR FRONTIER.

[illegible]neral Collett, who has just returned [illegible] will consult with the Bengal [illegible]arding the precautionary measures [illegible] the Cachar frontier against the [illegible] proceeding to take up his Com[illegible]n.

[illegible]TION IN THE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

[illegible] native official in the Forest Depart[illegible] Muttannah, Sub-Assistant Conserva[illegible]sts, in the Central Provinces, has, with [illegible]y of State's sanction, been confirmed in [illegible]ent of Assistant Conservator.

[illegible] EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

[illegible]ing Post announces as another result [illegible] Strachey's assumption of the Chair[illegible] the East Indian Railway that Mr. J. [illegible] for many years Chief Locomotive [illegible]dent of that line, is to retire shortly, [illegible] Mr. Rendell an outsider. It is [illegible]

PRESIDENCY RIFLE MEETING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Dec. 3.

The seventeenth annual Presidency Rifle Meeting was opened this afternoon. The camp is unusually full. The arrangements, under Major Parker-Jervis, Commandant of the Camp, were excellent. Troops were drawn up in three sides of a square, and in the presence of a brilliant gathering his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught addressed the troops in the following terms :—"Soldiers,—Owing to a lengthened tour of inspection, for which I am starting at the end of this week, I regret I cannot be present to distribute prizes at our Seventeenth Presidency Rifle Meeting. I, therefore, came here this afternoon to welcome the large number of competitors that I just had the pleasure of inspecting. I am happy to think that this meeting promises to be one of the most successful meetings ever held here. The entries, which are over ten thousand, show an increase of over five hundred over the last year, which was the largest meeting held up to that date. This does not include the unlimited entry matches, which are the new feature of this year's meeting, and for which it is expected there will be a large number of entries. I am very pleased to see the Royal Dublin Fusiliers so largely represented, as their absence last year was very much regretted, The Hyderabad Contingent again sends in teams from three regiments, two Cavalry, and one Infantry. The 3rd Cavalry sending in 22 men and 16 horses all the way from Secunderabad, especially to welcome them and wish them every success. Amongst the new matches there is one for judging distances, the prize for which is given by myself, and it is very satisfactory to see there are 146 entries for this competition. A new revolver competition for British officers for revolvers at running man, for a cup, given by our excellent Assistant Adjutant-General for Musketry, Major Parker-Jervis, should encourage shooters in that most important arm. A cup for similar competition, open to warrant and non-commissioned officers, is also given by the Adjutant, G. I. P. Railway Volunteers, Captain Rossiter, with the same object. I hope that this may give an inducement to all armed with this weapon to make themselves efficient in its use, which hitherto, I am afraid, has been very partially done. As an evidence of the interest taken by the Volunteers in this presidency in shooting I may mention the invention by Captain Rossiter of running man, bounding tiger, and run on a switchback railway are to be seen at the new range. The value of prizes alone at this meeting is over Rs. 12,000. In addition to these we find a considerable increase in the number and value of cups. The old Bombay Presidency Cup has been increased from Rs. 260 to Rs. 650. We are also largely indebted to several native Princes for the generous manner in which they have come forward in giving cups. Kolapur presents two handsome cups—one for British and for Native Army. These two competitions should prove to be of great interest to the meeting, both being practical service competitions. The Gaekwar and the Jam Saheb of Nowanagar present two very handsome cups. The Chief of Mudhol presents again a handsome cup for Officers' Wantage competition, which, we trust, will be well supported, though entries at present are small. The Civil Service have come forward and present two cups for British and Native Army respectively. General Knowles, Adjutant-General, Bombay Army, has this year changed his competition, and presents a cup for what should prove a very interesting officers' competition, which, he hopes may encourage them, in shooting. The Volunteers have combined again, and present a cup for teams of all arms. I very much regret that the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers, one of the best and largest in the country and amongst whom are so many good shots, have been unable to send a team. To give confidence to members in the team matches every precaution has been taken to ensure accurate and fair marking. Great credit is due to the Camp Commandant and his staff for the arrangements for the reception and comfort of competitors which, I hope, will prove satisfactory. It is a source of very great regret to me to feel that this is the last time that I shall open the Bombay Presidency Rifle Meeting, I think that what I have said will show the deep interest shown by all classes in the the presidency in the shooting of this army and British army. I feel sure that a meeting of this kind cannot but prove to be of immense advantage to the shooting of the army in general, and I only hope the meeting may prove successful as it promises to be. In concluding I desire to thank Major Parker-Jervis for the great trouble and interest taken by him in getting up this meeting, and feel deeply indebted to him for all that is done to promote that most important branch of the soldiers' profession, the encouragement of musketry in all its branches."

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught then fired a Martini, sighted 500 yards on a fixed stand, and hit a bull's eye. The competition between Nordenfeldt and Gardner guns resulted in a win for the latter. The latter's average being 37 as against 33 ; Gardner fired 135 shots, scoring 51 hits ; and Nordenfeldt 170 shots, scoring 58 hits.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Dec. 3.

The Bombay Presidency Rifle Meeting was opened this evening by his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief in the presence of most of the officers in the garrison. The competitors being formed into three sides of a square were addressed by his Royal Highness at some length. At the conclusion of the speech an adjournment was made to the centre range, where H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught opened the meeting by firing a rifle on a fixed rest at 500 yards and made a bull's eye. An interesting trial between the Gardner and Nordenfeldt machine guns at 500 yards then took place. The result of which was—Nordenfeldt 170 rounds 58 hits, Gardner 135 rounds 51 hits. Time one minute for each. This closed the opening day of the Seventeenth Meeting.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER REPORT.

SIMLA, Dec. 3.—With the exception of a slight local barometric fall in Jacobabad, the pressure has increased in all parts of the Indian region. The rise is brisk in Burma along the foot of the Himalayas and along the west coast, and moderate or slight elsewhere. Readings are still highest in the central and north western districts and lowest in the Andaman Sea. Winds have shifted to the north of Sind and Guzerat, to the south of Surat ; elsewhere the directions are unchanged, but blowing freshly at Kurrachee. The mean temperature is above the average, except in Bengal and Bombay. Slight rain has fallen in Kurrachee, and none elsewhere.

It is generally known that the late Mr. William Ralston, whose works on Russian songs and Russian people are so popular, was to have been [illegible]rried to Miss Annie Vizetelly about ten days [illegible]e died in August. Miss Vizetelly is now [illegible] collecting materials for a short [illegible]alston, whose many friends will [illegible]elcome this souvenir of him. [illegible]mber of the Folk Lore [illegible]e great deal of work [illegible]rists talk of giving [illegible] president, Mr. [illegible] worth [illegible]t to

NOTES FROM LONDON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 15.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the publication of the first number of the *Daily Graphic*, the long-projected Liberal review is to make its appearance. It is to be called the *Speaker*, and as previously announced will be edited by Mr. Wemyss Reid, formerly editor of one of the best country daily papers. The *Speaker*, if it fulfils the objects that have been marked out for it, should prove a success. The best and most prosperous of the weekly popular papers are Radical, but although "the classes" are all supposed to be opposed to the policy of the Liberals, there are a certain number of the latter whose literary needs are not satisfied by the *Weekly Dispatch*, the *Sun*, or *Reynold's Newspaper*. Whether the *Speaker* succeeds or fails will depend upon the way it is conducted. If its articles are well-written it will pay. If they do not rise above the level of the cheap prints, it will have a short and inglorious career. The other side say that they have a monopoly of the brilliant men of education who can write, and wonder who will be Mr. Wemyss Reid's contributors. That gentleman, however, is said to be quite satisfied with the staff he has been able to form, and his friends declare that in point of culture as well as style the *Speaker* will be equal to the *Saturday Review* and the *Spectator*. This will be a good opportunity for the new school of politicians in whose hands the legislation of the immediate future will be, to show if they can that the charge so often brought against them of wishing to reduce everything and everyone to the level of mediocrity, is without foundation. The spirited venture of the proprietors of the *Graphic* is attracting a great deal of attention, and people are asking how long it will be before the other journals will be compelled to adopt the special features of the Newer Journalism. But surely this enquiry is a little premature. A more pertinent question to put would be how soon we may expect the *Illustrated London News* to follow the example of its rival.

Mr. Stead has returned from his wild-goose chase to Rome. When I say "wild-goose chase" I give the general opinion of his visit and its probable issue. Mr. Stead himself, however, does not agree with his friends in this description of his journey to Rome. He is in high feather about it, and considers he has accomplished one of the greatest achievements of his lifetime. The Rev. Dr. Lunn, sub-editor of a religious weekly, the ex-missionary so deservedly beloved of Madras missionaries, has interviewed the great man of Northumberland Street. The clerical Sub saw "the most brilliant journalist in the whole British cohort, and the knightliest soul," (as the writer of an open letter in the *British Weekly* terms Mr. Stead) at Wimbledon. The description of "the knightliest soul" in the bosom of his family is worthy of reproduction. "When I arrived at Cambridge House, Wimbledon," says the interviewer, "I found Mr. Stead sitting down to supper dressed in prison garb, a fact which reminded me that it was four years ago on that very evening when he was sentenced at the Old Bailey to three months' imprisonment. This is the way in which he keeps up the anniversary. It is one of the high days of his life, and he keeps it accordingly." After this incident one need have no doubt as to the accuracy of the many stories of personal eccentricity which are current respecting this "most brilliant journalist in the whole British cohort." Mr. Stead is satisfied that the Pope is going to break the traditions of his high office, and place himself at the head of a movement which is to socialise the life of the age, democratize everything, and place woman on a pinnacle where she may be worshipped. The fact that Montalembert and others, as earnest as ever was Mr. Stead in his most exalted moments, have made a similar attempt and failed, though they were Catholics and could get nearer the Pope than a heretic, however zealous he might be, does not affect Mr. Stead's hopes : he is certain of success, certain the Pope will consent to be yoked to the car of modern progress, and allow Mr. Stead to buckle the harness. Those who live longest will know most of this matter, but surely the prospect is not at all hopeful. Mr. Stead's own experience should chill his enthusiasm somewhat. Though he went to Rome specially to see the Pope, he was not allowed an interview with his Holiness. Only by appearing as a French labourer pilgrim in a deputation to the Holy Father did he even get a small share of a collective interview ; personal interview, as I have said, he had none. He was allowed to see Cardinals in plenty, and Cardinal Jacobini showed him a good deal of kindness and many missionary relics. That is the fruit of the journey. Mr. Stead's own letters are less entertaining than it was anticipated they would be. The first and second were interesting, the third very dull. What yet remains in the pilgrim's wallet we shall doubtless learn in good time.

CUSTOMS IN THE PORT OF BOMBAY.

THE following resolution has been issued on the annual report on the Customs Administration of the Port of Bombay for the official year 1888-89.

The following table shows the Imperial Customs Revenue of the year 1888-89 as contrasted with that of the previous year :—

	1887-88.			1888-89.		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Imports	16,16,112	8	9	19,88,179	11	8
Exports	2,35,042	4	10	1,92,490	3	3
Other items	8,498	4	9	8,200	4	10
Total Revenue	18,59,653	2	4	21,88,870	3	9
Less deductions on account of Refunds and Drawbacks	36,024	0	4	46,884	10	2
Net Revenue	18,23,629	2	0	21,41,985	9	7

The increase of Rs. 3,72,067 in the amount of the import duty is almost solely due to the levy throughout the year of the duty on petroleum, whereas in the previous year it was only in force for two months. The amount of the increase under this head was Rs. 3,16,070. It is to be remarked that notwithstanding the duty on it the demand for petroleum has increased considerably. Rs. 20,000 were levied on the importation of 400 muskets for the Kotah Darbar, but this sum has since, under the orders of the Government of India, been refunded. Under the head of liquors there is a net increase of Rs. 27,600, but the duty on potable spirits alone decreased by Rs. 48,893. This is perhaps attributable to the fact that there was a large stock in hand from the importations of previous years. The question of the blending of potable spirits after import is one which should engage the attention of the Customs Department. The introduction of the amended Tariff Act of 1887 has made the revenue from spirits better by Rs. 1,63,109 than it would have been under the Tariff previously in force. There was a very large increase, amounting to 5,241,228 imperial gallons, in the imports of kerosine oil. This was due to an increased demand as well as to the arrival of some of the previous year's late shipments.

2. The decrease of Rs. 42,552 in the amount of the export duty is attributable to smaller exports of rice to Arabia, Persia, Zanzibar and other African ports, consequent on the partial failure of the crop throughout the Presidency.

3. The figures showing the refunds and drawbacks of import and export duty, call for no special remark. The same observation applies to those relating to variations in Provincial Revenue and Expenditure.

4. After the close of the year under report Mr. Spence in concert with the Commissioners of Customs, Goa, examined the claims of the Portuguese Government under the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty for the years 1886-87 and 1887-88, and it was decided that the sums due to that Government were Rs. 1,19,649-2-5 and Rs. 1,34,348-0-10½ for the two [illegible]rs respectively.

[illegible] There was a decrease of 31,680 Indian maunds [illegible]tal quantity of salt transhipped at Bombay for [illegible]nd the Malabar Coast, the reasons for which [illegible]iven by the Collector. The transhipments [illegible]ar Coast ports alone were in excess of [illegible]ious year.

[illegible] charge of the Collector's [illegible] close of the year, has

NOTES FROM KATHIAWAR.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

KATHIAWAR, Dec. 1.

MR. H. H. DHRUVA has resumed charge of his office of Judge of the Amreli Division, after his visit to Europe as delegate from H. H. the Gaekwar at the Stockholm Congress of Orientalists.

The Officers' Club at Baroda invited him to a conversazione on his way to Kathiawar. The Hon. Rao Bahadur Justice Janardhan Sakharam Gadgil, of the Varisht Court, occupied the chair. The people of Neriad presented him with a public address the following day. Sirdar Rao Bahadur Bscherdas Viaridas, Desai of Neriad, presided over the gathering. On the morning of the 22nd, Mr. Dhruva started for Amreli, and Rao Bahadur Runchhodlal Chotalal, C.I.E., president of the Ahmedabad Municipality ; Rao Saheb Mahipatram Rupram, C.I.E. ; Rao Saheb Madhavlal Runchodlal, and a number of others met him at the Ahmedabad station with flowers and garlands. At the stations of Nigala, Dhola, Dheesa, Lathi, and Chital, he was overwhelmed with complimentary gifts and a regular ovation awaited him at Amreli, where he was received by a deputation of leading citizens, and officers outside the town near the Public Park ; and an address in Sanskrit was presented to Mr. Dhruva. On Thursday, the 28th ultimo, a large open-air meeting was held in his honour in the school's compound. Festoons of evergreens, gay flags, and banderats were put up. A band was in attendance. A very large concourse of people joined in giving a hearty welcome to the home-coming traveller. The blind Poet Laureate of Gujerat, Kavisvar Dalpatram Dagabhai, C.I.E., occupied the chair. On the 29th of November a meeting was held in honour of the Poet Dalpatram, C.I.E. A party was given in his honour at the Judge's residence, at which the curiosities which Mr. Dhruva had brought from Europe were shown.

DEATH OF SIR HENRY TORRENS.

SIR HENRY TORRENS, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta, whose death is announced by the Central News to-day, was born in 1833, and married in 1876 a daughter of Colonel de Butts, R. E. He was educated at Rugby, entered the Army in 1849 ; was promoted to Captain in 1854, and Major in 1856 ; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1859 ; Colonel in 1864, Major-General in 1877, and Lieutenant-General in 1884. He served in the Crimea, during 1854-56 as aide-de-camp to Major-General Sir A. Torrens, K. C. B., and as Brigade-Major, and as Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General at head-quarters. He was wounded at Inkerman (legion of honour, and Medjidi, mention in despatches, medal with four clasps.) He was Assistant Adjutant General of the Queen's troops in the Indian Mutiny during 1857-58 ; Assistant Adjutant General of the Indian Army from 1859-63 ; and commanded the troop in South Africa in 1885.

PORTUGAL'S SOLVENCY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I do not think that a discussion on Portugal's solvency or insolvency can be of a great interest to Indian readers, as there is not perhaps a single Portuguese bond in the hands of one of the 250 millions of people out here, and this persistence in attacking a country, in no way financially connected with British India, does not speak much in favour of the fairness of the writer who in a local paper has lately been exploring Whitaker's Almanack as a manual of European finance.

Should you, however, give me a little of your space it would be fair to state that if there is no doubt that the Portuguese debt is, as in many other countries, a proportionally large one, there are two facts that can be ascertained by any one interested in the matter, and which are surely well known to all the holders of Portuguese securities.

1st.—That the public Portuguese income and the Portuguese trade have steadily increased in the last twenty or twenty-five years.

2nd. That the large sums represented by the public debt have been and are employed in endowing the country with railways, improving the harbours, creating primary and industrial schools, and making roads, so that the Portugal of to-day is quite a different country from what it was twenty-five years ago, and nobody who has eyes to see can ignore that the probable result of developing its resources in this way, is not likely to be the one predicted by a local correspondent. On the other side the steady rise of Portuguese quotations in the foreign markets is a proof that financial interests have nothing to do with petty national jealousies.

With regard to Lord Salisbury having made up his mind to "stand no more nonsense," from Portugal, let the correspondent look through diplomatic history, and he will see that, however bitter and unjust a part of the British public has sometimes been towards Portugal, the British Government, as a rule, know better how to do justice to a country which has played in old times an important part in the history of mankind, and which, as a modern nation, has made rapid steps in civilisation and prosperity.—Yours, &c.,

Malabar Hill, Dec. 3, 1889. A PORTUGAL.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Is it not surprising that the University authorities have not yet seen the importance of appointing books of studies for the next five years for the several examinations ? They are, I think, very busy making new changes and regulations, but do not find time—or they must have perhaps forgotten—to choose books for the next five years' courses. It is necessary for the students to have their study-books with them before the College lectures begin ; but this year they are not in a position to do so. In a few days the results of the Matriculation and Previous Examinations will be declared, and if within such a short period the appointment of the books does not take place, principals of the several colleges will be required to write to the University Registrar as to which books they should read in classes. But such a thing may not happen, and I hope that the University authorities will not delay in choosing a better set of books than the previous ones, and publishing the names of those books in the *Government Gazette*.

Baroda, Dec. 1. K. W. S.

THE sweepers in Sylhet threaten to strike for higher wages, much to the concern of the English residents.

THE Goa Government have notified to Messrs. Shepherd and Company that after six months they will have to pay the anchorage fee for entering the port of Marmagoa, from which they had memorialised the Portuguese authorities to be exempted.

A GOOD deal is made of the fact that four hundred thousand persons were present at the final illumination of the Eiffel Tower, one of the papers describing this as the greatest assembly of human beings who have ever been gathered together at one spot. But the *Pioneer* points out that there is a spit of bare sand under the walls of the fort at Allahabad, the last obstacle between the waters of the Ganges and Jumna, where a few years ago, on an estimate probably quite as accurate as the Paris one, over a million persons were collected : and as for 400,000, that figure must have been exceeded again and again not at Allahabad only, but at all the great pilgrim centres of India.

ONE certain result of each of the exhibitions that have been held in Paris since 1855 has been to increase the cost of living in that city. The *restaurateurs* take advantage of the influx of well-to-do visitors to put up their prices, and when it ceases they conveniently forget to lower them. Even the Bouillons Duval themselves, which are nothing if not economical, raised the price of six of the *plats* regularly served in them at the opening of the big show of this year ; and M. Duval does not see [illegible] way to the restoration of the old tariff [illegible] case of two of the dishes. Yet the [illegible] made during the last six months [illegible]arrant a reduction all round. In [illegible]ts of the Bouillons Duval within [illegible] the Exposition amounted to [illegible]ear they have reached a total of [illegible] establishments in the Champ [illegible] £60,000 of the money is clear

PORTUGUESE ANNEXATIONS IN BRITISH ZAMBESIA.

PORTUGAL, writes a correspondent to the *Times*, has lost no time in trying to checkmate our latest move on the intricate chessboard of Africa. The two telegrams from Lisbon in the *Times* of Monday, the 11th ulto., tell of sweeping annexations (on paper at least), which include some of the richest of the regions included in the charter of the British South Africa Company. It is known that for some months past so-called exploring expeditions from Mozambique have been in the country to the south of the Lower Zambesi, including much of the territory which 18 months ago was proclaimed as within the British sphere of influence, and for which the other day her Majesty granted a charter to the British South Africa Company. So far as this Company is concerned, the important point in the proclamation issued by the Portuguese Government is the annexation of the whole territory between the Zambesi on the north, the rivers Sanyati and Umfuli on the west and south-west, and the Mazoe river on the east. This has been erected into the southern section of a new Portuguese province, which has its centre at Zumbo, on the Zambesi, and stretches far to the north. By this high-handed proceeding the Portuguese Government is attempting to cut off from British Zambesi nearly the whole of the magnificent plateau of Mashonaland, with its rich network of streams, its beautiful climate, so suited to European colonization, and its wealth of alluvial gold. To the east of this lies the district of Manica, Portugal's claim to which no one contests, and this district, together with others to the south, has been placed under a new administration and redivided into new districts, extending south to Delagoa Bay. But here also the territory known as Umzila's, to the west of Manica, has been included, whereas the present Umzila absolutely refused to see the Portuguese leader the other day when the expedition entered his territory ; and he declines to have anything to do with white people. The leader of the expedition which has been carrying out these annexations, Lieutenant Cordon, states that he saw remains of old Portuguese forts along the river valleys, and former mining excavations. And yet, although these territories are claimed by Portugal as old possessions, her representative deemed it necessary to make fresh treaties with the native chiefs, and that in a region which 18 months ago was formally proclaimed British. The country thus claimed by Portugal is watered by a multitude of streams, all rising within a narrow area to the west of Manica and flowing north to the Zambesi.

With the exception of the German, Karl Mauch, who did not do much, we are indebted for our knowledge of this region to two English explorers, Mr. Selous and the late Thomas Baines. Within the last few years Mr. Selous, in company with other English hunters, has been all over the country, and his map of the region, published in the "Proceedings" of the Royal Geographical Society last year, is the fullest and most correct in existence. It was largely in consequence of his reports that the new British Company was formed. Mr. Selous, in one of his recent journeys, met with what seemed to him an abandoned mine at Sinoia, near the river Angwa in the heart of the region which Lieutenant Cordon professes to have annexed. It is an immense circular hole, about 100ft. or more in depth and 20 yards or more in diameter, at the bottom of which there is a lake or pool of water, extending for 60 yards or so in an immense cavern under the rock. The water is of a deep cobalt blue, but very clear. There is a slanting shaft or tunnel running at an angle of about 45 deg. from a point 100 yards from the top of the hole, which strikes the bottom of the hole just at the edge of the water. The excavation implies an immense amount of labour and engineering skill, and Mr. Selous saw what looked like marks of an iron implement on the rock. There is every probability that at one time gold was worked in this region, and stockades or forts established, but this may have been centuries before Vasco da Gama rounded the Cape. Suppose even that the Portuguese could prove that these remains are evidences of the presence of their countrymen in this region at a long-past date, they also prove that long ago the country was as completely abandoned as were the many stations on the East Coast, including such places as Mombassa and Magodoxo. No one denies that the Portuguese had isolated stations at Sena, Tete, and Zumbo, on the Zambesi—stations where they were every now and then besieged by the natives, and which were until quite recently almost unoccupied. Even one of their own writers, M. Pery, in his work on the Portuguese colonies, published in 1875, referred to the district of Manica itself as all but abandoned. No doubt there may have been a trade from the Mashona country up to the stations on the Zambesi, and Portuguese subjects may have mined for gold in long [illegible] constitute no claim to territorial jurisdiction. And in making treaties with the chiefs, 18 months after the British proclamation, Lieutenant Cordon seems to show that no previous possession could be proved. Even if it be true that the much-exaggerated ruins of Zimbadze, seen by Karl Mauch, are the remains of an old fort built by Baretto in 1586-7 and not "the city of the Queen of Sheba," this fort and all the region around has been long ago abandoned.

As these proceedings on the south of the Zambesi may be regarded as Portugal's reply to the new charter, so the declaration with reference to the country on the north of the Zambesi may be taken as her response to Mr. H. H. Johnston's distribution of British flags on the Upper Shire. In 1885 and 1886 Portugal came to an understanding with France and Germany that neither of those Powers would interfere with her expansion towards the upper waters of the Zambesi, and between that and the Nyassa. But it was an easy enough matter for France and Germany to assent to such an arrangement. Neither of them have any interests there whatever. England was no party to such an agreement, and the Portuguese declaration that all the territory between the Kafue on the west, the Longwa on the east, and the free-trade line on the north, is henceforth Portuguese territory must be examined in the light of British interests before being assented to. That is, the Livingstone country *par excellence*, and the result of Portuguese annexation would be to bar all expansion northwards of British Zambesia. True, the west side of the Nyassa seems to be left unannexed, and for that no doubt we ought to be grateful.

This latest move on the part of Portugal is a straight blow in the face of the newly-chartered British Company. As has been said already, for four centuries have the Portuguese sat themselves down on the Lower Zambesi, sending natives into the interior to do a little slave-hunting and trading. Now, when legitimate British expansion brings our boundaries into their vicinity, they show an activity worthy of the days of Prince Henry the Navigator. If Portugal could show just claims even to Mashonaland we should be bound to concede them ; but nothing yet adduced is sufficient to warrant the annexations announced from Lisbon. We may safely trust British interests in the hands of Lord Salisbury ; recent action in this region and elsewhere proves that he has made up his mind what is the legitimate sphere of British influence in Africa, and that that sphere he is determined to occupy. With a reasonable Government like that of Germany we have not found it difficult to come to an understanding as to the great lines on which each of us are to work. Portugal seems like a man driven to desperation and determined to do all the mischief possible. After all, why should two States that have so many interests in common in Africa be continually springing surprises on each other ? Every one admits the enterprise of Portugal in this part of Africa in the past ; but even their *conquistadores* in the 16th century left the Mashona country in disgust because they had to soil their hands with alluvial gold. Hitherto there has been no question of boundary south of the Zambesi except on the west of Umzila's country, on the line of the Sabi river. The latest action of Portugal cannot for a moment be admitted as an effective annexation. Let common-sense have fair play on both sides, and there need be no difficulty in coming to a reasonable understanding as to the respective spheres of England and Portugal over the whole of the Zambesi region.

AN influential committee was formed in London to give a welcoming banquet to Mr. Barnum. The Grand Old Showman has ministered to the happiness of mankind as much as—perhaps more than—any man of his time. Two millions of men and women, still more two millions of children, has he given some of the brightest and merriest hours of their existence ; and his pluck, energy, and splendid old age are a monument of the capabilities of one strong man's endeavours. Withal, he has been always on the most genial terms with the public ; laughing at them, laughing with them, laughed at by them. Good-natured strength like this is always attractive, healthy, and humanising. The committee contained the following influential names :—The Earl of Rosebery, the Earl of Aberdeen, Sir John D. Astley, Bart., Lord Chas. Beresford, C.B., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Viscount Combermere, the Hon. Conrad Dillon, the Earl of Effingham, Captain the Hon. F. C. Howard, the Earl of Kilmory, the Earl of Lathom, Colonel J. T. North, Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K. C. M. B., C. B., C. I. E., Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, and Mr. G. A. Harrison Watson.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA

As stated yesterday, at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India held on Monday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was presented with the patent of his appointment as an Honorary Past Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. Sir Henry Morland, the Grand Master, presided at the meeting, which formed one of the grandest masonic gatherings ever witnessed in Bombay. The costliest preparations had been made for the occasion. The reception hall on the ground-floor was embellished with masonic designs and mottoes, with ornamented screens of various shades and colours, and arcades of evergreens, garnished with festoons and lines of lovely flowers. Each Lodge sent its contribution to the general attraction in the shape of elegant banners, under which the brethren of the respective lodges were accommodated. There were present representatives of thirty-one Scottish Lodges working under the Grand Lodge in different parts of India, and others belonging to Lodges working under the English Constitution in Bombay. While the members of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry, and of the District Grand Lodge, the representatives sent by distant lodges, and the members of the Craft in general were assembling in the lower hall, the visitor had ample opportunity to step forth and admire the magnificent preparations made for the banquet in the extensive grounds in the rear of the premises. For this purpose a large *marquee* had been erected. The long passage from the lower hall to the *marquee* was tastefully decorated with parallel lines of beautiful plants, presenting the loveliest spectacle, the brilliancy of the illumination of gas moons and chandeliers hanging over head. The *marquee*, under which the banquet tables were laid, was the result of the engineering skill of Khan Bahadoor M. C. Murzban, Executive Engineer of the Presidency, while its tasteful decorations and general furnishing were the result of the assiduity and zeal of Messrs. D. R. Chichgar, Hopworth, Khan Bahadoor. J. D. Wadia, and one or two others. The general *tout ensemble* bore testimony to the labour of love that must have been spent upon the preparation of the beatiful spectacle which the *marquee* presented. Special arrangements had been made for its illumination by the electric light ; but as a trial on the preceding evening had not proved satisfactory, provision was promptly made for a special gas illumination. As it happened, however, the electric light on Monday evening proved a success ; and so there was a double illumination of the *marquee* by both the electric light and gas. Along its southern verge or main entrance was arranged an extensive line of tables, at which were reserved seats for the higher dignitaries of the Craft, including the Grand Masters, their deputies and substitutes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, Sir John M. S. Maxwell, Colonel T. H. Lloyd, Colonel Cavaye, Colonel Becher, Captain Montgomery, Major Babington Peile, Colonel H. Collingwood, the Hon. Mr. N. N. Wadia, Mr. Framjee Dinshaw Petit, Mr. H. W. Williams, Mr. Evelyn Gray, and many others. The decorations of the dinner-tables were in correspondence with the magnificence of those that adorned the main entrance. A pair of huge ornamental cakes, decorated with masonic designs and mottoes which were presented for the occasion by Mr. Rustomjee Framjee of the Royal Bakery, added to the other attractions of the diningtables.

On glancing at the gathering in the lower hall the visitor saw the Grand Master and his principal Grand Lodge officers early in their attendance, their breasts decorated with many jewels and medals of different degrees. The members of the daughter Lodges went upstairs and took their seats in the Lodgeroom under their respective banners about 6-30 p.m. Soon after the Grand Master, with his Grand Lodge officers, entered the Lodge room in procession, and opened the proceedings of the evening. Distinguished visitors were then presented to the Grand Master, who welcomed them cordially. Meanwhile, the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay had assembled in the lower hall, and were awaiting the arrival of the District Grand Master of Bombay, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. About 7 p. m, upon the Duke's carriage arriving in sight, the trumpeters sounded a *fanfare* on their trumpets ; and his Royal Highness was escorted from the gate to the entrance porch by the pipers of the 2nd Scottish Rifles (Cameronians) specially brought down from Lucknow at the reception committee's expense ; and as he left his carriage, attended by Colonel Cavaye, his Military Secretary, and Colonel Becher, Equerry-in-waiting, the band of the 2nd Gloucester Regiment played the National Anthem. His Royal Highness was received in the landing and conducted to his robing-room by the committee of reception, which consisted of Mr. J. W. Smith, chairman, and Messrs. K. R. Cama, M. C. ton Peile, Messrs. C. D. Furdoonjee, Darashaw S. Tarraporewalla, P. M. Wadia, Framjee D. Petit, A. W. Seabrooke, N. M. Panday, B. V. Kirtikar, R. M. Patel, and W. T. Smith, accompanied by his officers, and preceded by the committee of reception. The District Grand Master soon after entered the Lodge room in procession, and after certain formalities, was presented by the Grand Master with the patent of his appointment as Honorary Past Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India.

The Grand Master, addressing his Royal Highness expressed a hope that the golden chain of sympathy which had so long united the English and Scottish constitutions in this Presidency, would always remain unbroken, and that the great principle of Freemasonry would be the sure means of diffusing light, truth, love, and benevolence among the several communities of this vast Empire, and of inducing men to distinguish themselves with good deeds for the benefit of their fellow men.

Dr. K. R. Kirtikar, the Grand Bard, then recited the following sonnet of welcome to his Royal Highness :—

Great Prince ! we greet thee not as Albion's Son
Shining refulgant midst her Royal stars ;
Nor as our Warrior-Guide—our Guardian-Mars ;
Thy meed of praise as such is duly won
Elsewhere. A Brother thee we greet with one
United voice, for birth nor rank debars
Thee from our fellowship ! Such meekness jars
Not with thy height, nor leaves thy might undone.
We welcome thee with all the loyal love
That binds us to our genial Master's throne !
Fondly will memory cling around this night,
And teach our sons that Masons rise above
The common surge of life ; no factions own,
But travel all from Darkness into Light.

The Duke of Connaught returned thanks for the warm reception accorded to him. They all felt no doubt that in their fraternity, and among the brethren in general, good will and fellowship, and charity must be the guiding star. He thanked the Grand Master, for the honour, the compliment, and the pleasure he had done him ; and he was too pleased to be able to come that night to accept the compliment the Grand Master had so readily offered him.

The Grand Master then appointed Colonel Cavaye and Colonel Becher honorary members of the Grand Lodge to mark the occasion of the visit of his Royal Highness ; and invested them with the appropriate jewels of their rank.

Colonel Cavaye and Colonel Becher returned thanks in suitable terms.

The Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year having been appointed and invested, and some other business having been gone through, the Grand Secretary read a letter from Mr. Framjee Dinshaw Petit, eldest son of the Hon. Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, offering Government Promisory notes for Rs. 1,500 as a permanent fund, to be called the "Bro' Framjee Dinshaw Petit fund" in commemoration of the visit to the Grand Lodge of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the interest to be applied towards the maintenance, support and education of poor and destitute orphans of Masons.

The Grand Master thanked Mr. Framjee Dinshaw Petit in person for his munificent gift, remarking that he had been really following in the footstepe of his worthy and distinguished father, and promising that the gift would be carefully and duly applied.

Soon after 8 p.m., the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where seats were reserved for the following

Laville, J. Gouldsworthy, D D Reporter, S B Broacha, E C Banatwalla, P. Merlo, G Fenstone, W. Sayers, M B Setna, Thos White, P Parker, G B Prabhakar, F B Billimoria, R. Macoond, H J R Heuming, N Roberts, J H Farneaux, W F Findlay, Rustomjee M Engineer, E Taurines, C J Schreyer, S C Gouldsworthy, J L Chatte, Max. Ungwar, J N Nicholls, J Stevenson, S P Masini, G McCorkell, F W Stevens, T M English, A M Gubbay, Fasulbhoy Vishram, Hajee Ismail H. Hoossein, M Jehangirsha, P M Nicholson, Currimbhoy Ebram, Rustom K R Cama, F B Doctor, W Willard, H Killard, Ottomar Bauer, D D Shroff, R T Setna, J W Fraser, H Bromley, F F Pickard, D N Sauziri, C Anderson, W W Newman, E P Gordon, C Fuller, W Hair, G H Gordon, C Brown, C Preston, W & Medcalf, J Henderson, Jas Moir, W Cruickshank, Tehmurus Dinshaw, S V B Bhandarkar, E C Jaboolee, A F Preston, J C Cama, Muljee Jewraj, N G Chandavarkar, D J Tata, C C Mehta, M J Gustadjee, E Dadabhai, T B Nariman, Dinshaw B Vakil, N. N. Guzdar, D D Carranee, B S Kapadia A Clark, S Smith, F McCulloch, N B Dantra, E. B. Lakdawalla, W. G. K. Mathews. H. Johnstone, F. S. Lamb, G. W. Ermer, Fakirjee Dinshaw, Meherali M Patel, Daresha Dossabhoy, E P Lalcaca, D Ghadiali, D D Khambatta, W Greengrass, Furdoonjee Framjee, Framjee M. Boyce, Dinshaw E Sabja, Damodhar G Kamat, C W Kharas, M C Sethna, A F Bahadurjee, Burjorjee Framjee, A H Banajee, D C Fardoonjee, J B Karani, S N Chandabhoy, P C Mehta, J D Mody, N B Marshall, D E Thonthi, M C Heeramaneck, E Nathan, G J Shekury, S T Bhandari, O Dominck, W T Lamb, C H Poincilit, W Easdon, Abdoorahiman Allibhai, Nawab Jafar Alikhan, J White, W. Carter, J Greengrass, Framjee Dadabhoy, J Wilson, H Alexander, M H Mody, J E Treasurywalla, K B Shroff, A C Homjee, B P Dolymeherjee B M Meherjee, P B Mistri, N B Bhada, J E Banatwala, M N Chandabhoy, Khan Saheb J Rustomjee, Messrs B N Kapadia, Hormusjee Jamasjee, D N Vacha, S D Framroz, W Fleming, and Chintaman N Bhat.

During dinner the pipers of the Cameronians played at intervals a selection of marches, reels, and strathspeys. The band of the Gloucester Regiment also played a select programme of music during the evening. The musical arrangements were made by Mr. G. W. Roughton. Several speeches were delivered at the banquet-table in connection with the toasts.

The Grand Master, who was very warmly received, rose to give the first toast of obligation, which was that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress and the Craft. He said he was sure that Her Majesty had no more loyal subjects in her vast dominions than the Freemasons. (Cheers). That Her Majesty was deeply sensible of the loyalty of Freemasons was exemplified by the fact that he had heard with pleasure at a meeting of prominent masons just before he left England for Bombay, that the Queen-Empress was about to become the patron of Freemasonry in England. (Loud cheers). He had made use of such slight persuasive arguments as he possessed to induce the Grand Lodge of Scotland to ask Her Majesty also to undertake the patronage of the Scottish Freemasonry, and to move the Grand Lodge of Ireland in a similar way, so that in course of time they might hope to have one Grand Lodge for the United Kingdom, and be bound by the same bonds of brotherhood as they were at present under the different constitutions. (Cheers).

The toast was most enthusiastically responded to the band playing "God save the Queen."

The Grand Master then gave the next toast, which was that of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England and Patron of Scottish Freemasonry. He begged, he said, to point out that a closer line of association had been drawn between the English and Scottish Freemasonry by the fact that Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise had been married to his Grace the Duke of Fife, who was the Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire. In course of time the Duke of Fife would assume the duties of Depute Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry, and in the year succeeding they would see him installed a Grand Master on the throne of Scottish Freemasonry. (Cheers.) This fact alone should commend itself to the brethren the toast of the Prince of Wales, which he (the Grand Master) hoped would be acknowledged with an enthusiasm it so well deserved. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was cordially acknowledged, the band playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The Grand Master then proposed the toast of the Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell Campbell of Blytheswood, and the Grand Master of Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn. In connection with this toast the Grand Master said that the Grand Master of Scotland was about to the Scottish benevolent society attached to the Grand Lodge. The bazaar was to be held at the end of the next year, and he (the Grand Master) said that contributions in the shape of Indian curiosities and Indian art works, which were expected to fetch good prices, would be thankfully received. (Cheers.)

The toast was cordially accepted, the band playing "Bonnie Dundee."

The Grand Master, who was received with cheers, said:—Brethren,—The next toast that I have to propose is the toast of the evening—(loud cheers)—the health of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, the District Grand Master of Bombay. (Renewed cheers.) The applause with which you have received the toast assures me that however wanting I may be in expressing my sentiments, the sense of enthusiasm which inspires the whole of you on this occasion will enable you to receive this toast in a manner which it so well deserves, considering the high position of the District Grand Master, whom we entertain to-night. (Cheers). We drink his Royal Highness's health on this occasion, not only as the District Grand Master of Bombay, but also as an Honorary Past Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge to which we owe our allegiance. (Cheers.) He has come among us, brethren, as a Mason, who understands the whole theory and the whole principle which actuate our order. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness has at his heart the interest of Freemasonry generally, and he has always been ready during the time of his incumbency here to support Freemasonry in its integrity, and the great principles that we acknowledge. (Cheers.) We have learnt, brethren, to regard him as the ruling light than whom no better could have been chosen to rule over this presidency—(loud cheers)—and we look on the period during which he has held the high office as one strengthening the bond of union between the brethren working under the constitutions of England and Scotland in this great presidency. (Loud cheers.) I have expressed the sentiments that I entertain with regard to this warm interchange of friendship between the two Constitutions, and I know that his Royal Highness entertains the same views. Freemasonry has the power of blending the different castes and religions of this vast continent, and those who belong to it have for their aim brotherly love, truth, and benevolence. I feel that if we were to spread Freemasonry wider and wider throughout this country, we shall be doing a noble and a great act for the various races that inhabit it. (Cheers.) I do not wish to dwell longer on the benefits of Freemasonry, because I feel sure that his Royal Highness will in reply have something more to say on the subject. With these few observations, I now give you the toast of his Royal Highness the District Grand Master of Bombay, which I trust you will receive with all the honours his high position deserves. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was drunk amidst vociferous cheers, the band playing "St. Patrick's Day." One more cheer was given for the Duchess. All in an instant the Duke sitting in his chair was greeted with a shower of roses and sweet-smelling flowers which fell upon him by the working of a mechanical arrangement upon a crown-shaped receptacle hanging over his Royal Highness's head.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said:—Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren—You may have often heard of a person who was supposed to be in a bed of roses. I think I am perhaps one of the few, who have ever been in one. (Hear, hear and cheers). That, brethren, must be my excuse for the peculiar appearance that I possess in returning thanks for the toast. (Laughter and cheers). I am exceedingly grateful to you, Sir, for the very cordial manner in which you have proposed the toast of my health, and to you brethren of the Scottish Constitution for the manner in which you have received me here to-day. (Cheers). This has been a long promised visit of mine, and I only regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented my coming sooner; but I hope you will understand from my presence here to-night, how determined I was that this visit should not be put off longer than it was necessary. (Cheers.) I can assure you that I have been deeply touched with the warmth of your reception. I agree with your distinguished and excellent Grand Master, how important it is that the two constitutions, the Scotch and the English, should work hand in hand together. (Loud cheers.) It has always been a source of deep regret to me whenever I have heard of any divergence of feelings or opinions on a point on which we can certainly be at one. I think from all we have heard, and I am sure from all we feel, that we have no reason to differ on any point. (Loud cheers.) We all have the same feelings, we all are prompted by the same noble desires, namely to live in brotherly fellowship and harmony one with another, and to do all we can to promote the great interest of the Craft by doing all we can to help those who are in sorrow and distress. (Loud cheers.) With such feelings as exist in both the constitutions, I cannot for a moment think that any difference could last any longer. (Cheers.) I am certain that ever since I have been called to the high position of the District Grand Master of Bombay, it has been my utmost endeavour to show on every possible occasion, how thoroughly I was in harmony with the sister Grand Lodge. (Loud cheers.) From what we have heard from the Grand Master, we know that our Gracious Sovereign is to be the patron of English Freemasonry, (loud cheers), and that we have every hope that her Majesty will also be the patron of Scottish and Irish Freemasonry. (Renewed cheers.) I think you may look forward, if I may say so, almost to a new era of happiness and of brightness in the future of the Craft, if our Sovereign were to be at the head of the freemasons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and her great dependencies, because it will then have a deep effect and carry great weight with all who belong to the Craft. I am certain that one placed as I am, the son of our Sovereign.—(Loud cheers)—I am sure, I may say with safety and with confidence, that knowing as I do the very strong feelings that my brother, the Prince of Wales (cheers) holds, the great respect that he has for Freemasonry,—I am certain that with the Queen-Empress as our Patron, and the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of the English constitution, we will carry all the other constitutions together with us. (Loud cheers) I am most deeply indebted to you brethren, for the very warm reception I have met with at your hands, and I am sure that I will never forget the great cordiality with which I have been received this evening, and especially not the roses. (Loud and prolonged cheers and laughter.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught then proposed the toast of Sir Henry Morland, the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He said;—Brethren.—It is difficult in the presence of the Grand Master, and as his guest to say what I would wish on the subject of this toast. However, from what has fallen from his own lips, I think I may safely say that he went home with a great object, and we hope, that he has come back with the object very nearly fulfilled. (Cheers.) We have heard how much he has laboured towards bringing together of the different constitutions; we have heard how he saw all the principal officers, both of the English and Scottish constitutions; and we have also heard from his lips how he hoped that some little passing difficulties that had existed would be finished for ever. (Cheers.) That being the case, we owe the Grand Master a deep debt of gratitude, and I am sure that what he has done will enhance his popularity. (Cheers.) I am indeed sensible of the right hand of fellowship that he has so warmly extended to me this evening, and I thank him for the very great kindness he has shown me personally, and also as the District Grand Master of Bombay. (Loud cheers).

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the band playing "The Campbells are coming."

The Grand Master in reply said that he was deeply sensible of the great honour that had been done him that evening by his Royal Highness proposing his toast, which had been so enthusiastically received by the brethren. He felt that he was wanting in merits to deserve all encomiums and the kind words that had fallen from the District Grand Master. He might say that he had done all he could for several years past to promote the best interests of Freemasonry, and would yield to none in his enthusiasm for the same. (Cheers.) Although he felt that the kind words that had fallen from his Royal Highness were not his due, he was sure, that they would induce him to make more strennous efforts in the future to deserve them. (Cheers.) In conclusion he thanked the brethren and the Lodges working under his jurisdiction for their support in according to his Royal Highness the District Grand Master, a reception due to his high position in life as well as in the Craft. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. K. R. Cama, the Depute Grand Master, proposed the toast of the Depute District Grand Master, Mr. Harold R. King, and the officers of the District Grand Lodge. He said that the best proof of the harmonious working of the two Masonic constitutions in Bombay was the fact that they all met under one roof—(hear, hear)—the conduct of affairs being entrusted to a committee composed of brethren from both constitutions, and presided over by no less a man than Mr. J. W. Smith, who, as they all knew, was a true and trusty Mason. (Cheers.) If another proof were required, it was the desire of the two Grand Masters to build a temple of their own, where the two constitutions might meet together; and it was with that view that they had applied to Government for a piece of land on the Esplanade, which, [illegible] on certain terms. (Cheers.) He hoped that before H. R. H. the District Grand Master left Bombay in the beginning of the next year, he would see that the sight was purchased, and that the corner-stone of the building was laid by him previous to his departure to England. (Loud cheers.) Speaking about the benefits derived from Freemasonry, Mr. Cama said that the order knew no distinction of caste, colour, creed, clime or country, but that it was universal, and ought to be extended in every direction. He expressed his gratification at seeing Europeans, Parsees, Hindoos of all sects and denominations, Mahomedans, and Jews extending to each other their right hand of fellowship, and sitting at the same table to dine. He coupled with the toast the names of the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, Col. Lloyd, and Mr. Hussey, the last of whom, he said, was a very old and tried Mason, having served for twenty years as Secretary to the District Grand Lodge. (Cheers). The toast was cordially received, the band playing "He is a Jolly Good Fellow." The name of Mr. Harold R. King was not coupled with the toast as he was not present at the banquet, though he attended the earlier part of the proceedings.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons thanked the Grand Master for his splendid hospitality, and said that he envied him—not in the invidious sense of the term—for the great success he had attained in Freemasonry. He agreed with the Grand Master when he said that in India they ought to have one general Lodge working together for the good of Freemasonry. He was glad to observe that the Grand Master had been able to make the Scotch Freemasonry success all over the country wherever his jurisdiction extended. (Loud cheers.)

Colonel Lloyd in speaking about the amalgamation of the two constitutions said that being a comparatively young Mason, he had not opportunities of judging the merits of the question, but it seemed to him that the only way to do it was to begin it in a small way because he thought that universal Masonry would be somewhere before the millinium. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. Hussey also thanked the Grand Master for his kind hospitality, and coupling his name with the toast.

The Grand Master then gave the toast of the Deputy and substitute Grand Masters and officers of his Grand Lodge, and in doing so observed that the success of that night was entirely due to the members of the Grand Lodge, particularly to Khan Bahadoor Murzban, Mr. Darasha, R. Chichgar, and Mr. Roughton. (Cheers). He owed these brethren a deep debt of gratitude for the kind and hearty manner in which they came forward to support him. His Grand officers had never failed him on any occasion that he required their assistance. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was warmly received, the band playing "The Blue Bells of Scotland."

Mr. Babington Peile, Khan Bahadoor Murzban, and Mr. D. R. Chichgar responded to the toast, the latter stating that the credit of the success was due, among others, to Mr. C. D. Fardoonjee, Mr. Hepworth, Mr. Roughton, and Mr. N. J. Guzdar. (Cheers).

The Grand Master then proposed the toast of the visitors, coupling with it the names of Sir John M. S. Maxwell and Colonel Collingwood.

The toast was duly accepted, the band playing "Come Lasses and Lads."

Sir John Maxwell in responding to the toast said that he was a Scotchman himself, and it was very interesting to him to come to India and to find another larger Scotland, and it was very gratifying to him to see his national music played by the Highlanders in and about the *marquee*. He would, he said always entertain cordial wishes for his brethren in India.

Colonel Collingwood also briefly replied.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught here left the *marquee* amidst loud and continous cheers, the Grand Master and his Grand Officers accompanying him as far as the porch. As the Duke drove away, he was again loudly cheered.

The Grand Master after resuming his seat gave the toast of the ladies, saying that the wives and daughters of some of the prominent members of the Grand Lodge had rendered good assistance in arranging the floral and other decorations. (Cheers.)

The Tyler's toast having been drunk in solemn silence, the brethren separated at a very late hour in the night.

A REMARKABLE feature in the economy of Dublin Castle is the extraordinary number of aides-de-camp which appears to be necessary to the Lord Lieutenant. Lord Londonderry had nine. Lord Zetland has already got ten, with a strong probability of an eleventh being appointed. The Governor-General of India manages to get through his work with only four.

FIFTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SETTING AN INSURED HOUSE ON FIRE.

THE trial of Savakshah Pestonjee Niramwalla on a charge of setting fire to his bungalow, situated in Elphinstone Road, on the 28th July last, was continued before Mr. Justice Bayley and the same common jury at the Criminal Sessions of the High Court yesterday. Mr. Anderson appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Robertson defended the prisoner.

At the close of the case for the prosecution, the name of Manockjee Eduljee Contractor, a witness, was called out; but as he failed to appear, his recognisances for Rs. 1,000 were ordered to be escheated.

Mr. Anderson, in summing up the evidence for the prosecution, said the first point was whether it was or was not the intention of somebody to set fire to the house in question. The jury had heard the evidence, and particularly that of the approver Jeewunjee, the carpenter, whose account was corroborated in every particular by Superintendent Grennan, whose long experience lent great weight to his statement that the inflammable nature of the materials, strewn over the place, would have, if the fire was allowed to get ahead, destroyed the entire building. Indeed the house was elaborately prepared by some person or persons for fire. That preparation must have been the work of time, and this point was material to the question as to who might be the person responsible for such elaborate preparation. The prisoner was living on the premises, and, according to Jeewunjee's account, he directed all these preparations. They were aware of the prisoner's embarrassed circumstances, and the mortgagee put great pressure upon the prisoner, and had threatened to sell the property on default of the payment of the quarters arrears. Jeewunjee's evidence revealed the whole matter, and he appeared to have no interest in implicating the prisoner. The latter appeared to be interested in the destruction of the house. The defence suggested Manockjee Eduljee was the person most likely to be interested therein, but when they remembered that Manockjee virtually ceased to be the owner of the house in November 1888, that suggestion had no weight. All the probabilities of the case pointed to the prisoner as the person interested in the destruction of the property. The good character which the prisoner had received would have its due weight with the jury; but it must be borne in mind that, from stress of circumstances, the best of characters were at times led to wrong-doing. The jury would see if there was any other explanation but that the prisoner had done the deed for the money that might have been recovered from the insurance office in case the house was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Robertson, in addressing the jury for the defence, drew their attention to the fact that Manockjee Eduljee Contractor had fled to Damaun and had filed his schedule in the Insolvency Court with Rs. 90,000 liabilities, and no assets. Prisoner had undoubtedly got into difficulties after his acquaintance with Manockjee. Counsel submitted that Manockjee was the real owner of the house and interested in it, and that being in straitened circumstances, he had attempted to destroy it to get the insurance money, and that he used the accused, who was on the most friendly terms with him, as his tool. The learned counsel urged that his client had purchased the kerosine oil to protect the house against white ants. The jury were asked to view Jewunjee's evidence with great suspicion.

His lordship, in charging the jury, said that, although the trial had extended over three days, and twenty-four witnesses had been examined, the facts of the case lay in a nutshell. The jury, his lordship said, were not to act on the evidence of an accomplice unless it was corroborated in material points by independent testimony. It was for the jury to say whether Jeewunjee's evidence was corroborated in this manner, and whether, even if they threw out his evidence, there was not other evidence sufficient to justify their conviction of the prisoner. If Jeewunji was a false witness, he must have been bribed by some body to tell a false story. Who could be interested in implicating the prisoner? There was no private prosecution in this case, and no private individual had got up the prosecution. At the Police Court, the prisoner had the assistance of an experienced solicitor; and if Jeewunjee's statements were false, they could have been shaken in cross-examination. His lordship observed that some important and serious cases could not be proved without the evidence of accomplices, and mentioned some instances within his experience. And so in this case the jury were told to see whether the evidence of Jewunjee was not materially corroborated by the cooly women who carried combustibles to the prisoner's house. These women distinctly said that the prisoner accompanied Jewunjee when they carried the tins of kerosine oil; and the sellers of the kerosine oil also corroborated Jeewunjee. It was in evidence that prisoner was in straitened circumstances. He was given a good character; but persons with very good characters had done wrong when pressed as the prisoner was by his creditors. Character was only allowed in the courts to tell in favour of an accused person when there was a doubt as to his guilt; but not otherwise. The learned Judge held that nothing had been suggested against the veracity of the cooly women; and he saw no reason to doubt the truth of their statements. His lordship referred to other witnesses, whose evidence tended to corroborate Jeewunjee's story. The prisoner was in monetary difficulties; and he had apparently a motive to destroy the house and earn the insurance money.

The jury, after a short consultation, found the prisoner guilty of setting fire to the house by a majority of six to three; while the remaining three were for a verdict of guilty of abetting the commission of the offence. His lordship concurred with the verdict the majority.

His lordship, in passing sentence, said: Shavakshah Pestonjee, you have been convicted on the clearest possible evidence of a most serious offence; and it is imperatively necessary that an example should be made of you for what you have done. The sentence of the Court is that you be transported for the term of your natural life.

The Sessions adjourned until this morning.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MAZAGON.

THE annual prize distribution to the boys of the St. Mary's College took place yesterday evening. The proceedings were more of a private nature, as it was felt that festivities were out of place owing to the recent death of Dr. Porter, Archbishop of Bombay.

The front of the college building was prettily decorated with flags, and the prizes were given away upon the steps in front of the building. After a selection of music by the band, which consists entirely of boys of the college, some of whom are under twelve years old, we had the pleasure of listening to some songs, one of which an imitation of a London Society Swell, did the performer great credit.

Father Fibus, the prefect of studies, then read the annual report, which contained opinions from many who had visited this institution and all went far to show the very satisfactory condition of things. There is every indication throughout the whole establishment, of the pupils being well-fed and well-cared for, and the daily attendance of scholars averages 90 per cent., which speaks well for its popularity. The health of the boys has been exceedingly good, only one case of serious illness having occurred during the year. The following is an excerpt from the report:—

"There was every indication throughout the whole institution that the pupils were well-fed and well-cared for in every respect. I consider that the arrangements for the boarders are admirably complete, and I was struck by the generally healthy look of the children at the school. This is due, no doubt, to good food, (inspected the food being prepared for the daily dinner), well-ventilated rooms, and the scrupulous cleanliness which is so strikingly manifest throughout the institution. A very striking feature of the school is the extremely high percentage of average daily attendance i.e., over 90 per cent. in both schools. This is in itself a very strong testimony to their popularity and efficiency."

"The band of the school played two or three pieces in good style, and I saw the Cadet Company march to parade in very good form."

The distribution was pleasantly interspersed at the intervals by music and recitations, and the evening was enjoyed by all who were present.

PRIZES.

Good Conduct.—I. Manning Pereira, II. Peter D' Mello, III. Mariano Quintoba.

General Proficiency.—VII. Paul Periera, VI. Ignatius Britto, V. James Conway, A IV. Lionel Kershaw, B IV. Damier DeSouza, A III. Quintio Quintoba, B III. Antony D'Silva, A II. Quadrie Quintoba, B II. Louis de Esperance, A I. Bertie Walshe, and B I. Francis Mendes.

Preparatory Class.—A. James Roy Sanpin, and B. Benjamin Machado.

Music.—George Boland, Frank Dave[illegible] tonio D'Silva, William Bayllis, Quintio [illegible] Manuel Fonseca.

Drawing.—Walter Finglas, Georg[illegible] Joseph Baker.

The proceedings closed after "Go[illegible] had been played by the college ban[illegible]

"PHOSPHO," a most ag[illegible] valuable nutritive-stimulant. P[illegible] LIPS & Co., Ld., Bombay and [illegible]

THE PRICE OF INDIAN COAL.

A "WELL informed" correspondent writes to the *Statesman*:—"A notable example of the effect produced on manufacturing industries up-country by the high rates of carriage on coal is exhibited in the director's report on the working of the Scindia Paper Mill Company, Limited, for the year ending 31st December 1888. This Company from the time of its formation in 1883 has never been able to show a profit; on the contrary, during the six years it has now been in existence the good round sum of £12,374, or more than one-third of the original capital and money, subsequently invested in new machinery, alterations, &c., has been sunk. Looking at the accounts that accompany the report, it is evident that the high cost of fuel has been the main factor in bringing to its present financial position what was at the outset, with reason, regarded as a hopeful enterprise, possessing as it did most of the elements of success. According to the balance sheet, the cost of raw material purchased during the year under review was £2,753; the amount spent on chemicals, £4,499; wages absorbed £1,907, while the expenditure for coal reached the surprising total of £6,023, a charge on the cost of production which is certainly out of all proportion to the other two items mentioned.

"Assuming the stocks of manufactured paper to have been approximately of the same value on the 31st December 1887 and on the 31st December 1888, the accounts seem to indicate that £12,914 worth of paper was manufactured during 1888, and that to produce the quantity represented by this amount half that sum was spent in coal. It is true that the prices of paper-making materials in India are comparatively low, but on the other hand, those of chemicals are more than relatively high, and here we have the expenditure for fuel amounting to almost as much as those to put together. Again, considering the large number of hands required in a paper-mill, it seems almost absurd that the outlay for fuel should more than three times exceed that for wages, more especially as the figures given for the latter probably include the remuneration of several highly-paid European mechanics. Of course there may be considerations somewhat affecting this statement of the case. It is possible, for instance, that the sums shown as having been expended on raw materials and chemicals during 1888 were unduly small owing to possibly larger stocks of these commodities having been held at the end of 1887 than at the close of 1888; there seems to be nothing, however, to modify the disproportionate ratio beween fuel and wages. Altogether, it is indisputable that fuel is a ruinously high item in the cost of production, and the case of the Scindia Paper Mills is typical of how manufacturing interests generally suffer from the incubus of dear coal."

A NEW PARK FOR LONDON.

AT the meeting of the London County Council on Nov. 12th, a letter was read from Sir Sydney H. Waterlow offering to present Lauderdale House, Highgate, and its park of nearly twenty-nine acres to the people of London. The grounds, which are on the southern slope of Highgate-hill, in the parish of St. Pancras, are undulating, well timbered with oaks, old cedars of Lebanon, and many other well-grown trees and shrubs. There is also an acre and a half of ornamental water supplied from natural springs. The estate is exceedingly picturesque, alike in its site and its scenery. Lord Rosebery told the County Council yesterday that he had been over it, "and had hardly ever seen a plot of land containing so many beautiful features in so small a compass." The land is freehold, with the exception of two and three-quarters acres held on a long lease, of which thirty-five and a half years are yet unexpired; and to purchase the freehold of that small leasehold Sir Sydney is prepared to hand over to the County Council the sum of £6,000. The gift was at once accepted, and Sir Sydney's letter was "ordered to be engrossed upon the minutes."

THE STORY OF LAUDERDALE HOUSE.

Lauderdale House has had an interesting history. Said to have been erected about the middle of the seventeenth century, it was formerly the residence of the Earls of Lauderdale, and at one time the home of Nell Gwynne. It has about it nothing in the way of architectural details to attract the attention of a passer-by. A high wall and iron gates, with a garden on either side of the stone pathway to the door, separate it from the high road. It has two fronts—one facing the highway, and the other looking down south-eastward towards Holloway. It has on each front a very simple pediment, and has been stuccoed, probably in very recent times. The upper story on the side of the house overlooking the garden projects somewhat from the lower, and is supported by a row of columns. Much of the old gardens remain, though doubtless considerably altered from what they were when "poor Nelly" occupied the mansion. Those who remember this house some years since," writes Mr. Prickett, in his "History of Highgate," "describe the internal arrangements as bearing testimony to its antiquity; indeed, the entrance-hall which is probably still in its primitive state, the delightful terrace on the southern side, and the walls of the garden thoroughly testify to the remnants of ancient days."

THE MERRY MONARCH AT LAUDERDALE HOUSE.

This house is supposed to have been built about the time of the restoration of Charles II. "When Lauderdale was in Scotland on his devil's business," says Mr. Howitt in his "Northern Heights of London," "no doubt his indulgent master used to borrow his house at Highgate for one of his troop of mistresses; and thus it was that we find pretty Nelly Gwynne flourishing directly under the nose of the indignant patriot Marvell. If Charles had picked his whole harem, however, he could not have found one of his ladies less obnoxious than 'poor Nelly.' Of all the tribe Nelly was the best; and yet Marvell launched some very sharp arrows at her. He describes Charles as he might be seen walking in the Lauderdale gardens as

Of a tall stature and of sable hue,
Much like the son of Kish, that lofty grew,
and Nelly as 'that wench of orange and oyster,' in allusion to her original calling; for she commenced life by selling oysters about the streets, and then oranges at the theatres."

AN ANECDOTE OF NELL GWYNNE.

The circumstance which connects Nell Gwynne's memory with Lauderdale House is the tradition that, as the King delayed to confer a title on her child, as he had done on the eldest son of others of his mistresses, she one day held the infant out of an upper window of Lauderdale House and said, "Unless you do something for your son, here he goes!" threatening to let him fall to the ground. On this Charles replied, "Stop, Nelly; save the Earl of Burford!" Whether these words were said exactly as related or not, at all events the story is very like one of Nell's lively sallies; and the child was created Earl of Burford, and afterwards Duke of St. Albans.

RECENT HISTORY.

Laudedrale House was for some time the residence of the first Lord Westbury before he reached the woolsack. It afterwards passed in to the possession of Sir Sydney Waterlow, by whom in 1872 it was converted to its present use, having been made over by Sir Sydney to the governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for the purposes of a convalescent hospital, and it was opened in that year as such by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The building contains beds for thirty-four patients. In its external appearance it is very slightly changed from what it must have been in the days of Lord Lauderdale and Nell Gwynne. The historical associations of the house, and, above all, the diversified and beautifully timbered park which spreads around it, render the property one of the most interesting in the northern suburbs. It may be added that during Lord Westbury's residence at Lauderdale House an old satin shoe was found hidden in the roof, which it pleased Sir Richard Bethell, as he then was, to fancy might have fitted the historic foot of Nell Gwynne.

THERE seems to be no end, so says the *World*, to the nonsensical stories about Lady Holland and the Holland House estate. The latest fiction is that she "made over all her property to Lord Ilchester in a moment of exasperation," after a quarrel with Prince Lichtenstein; but presently, having made her peace with her "son-in-law" (!), she wanted to "free" the estate, but could not do so, "having bound it too firmly to Lord Ilchester." This is all a fa[illegible] go of falsehoods. Lady Holland, many years entered into an agreement with Lord Ilch[illegible] which he undertook to pay her 10,000*l.* [illegible] life, in return for which she granted hi[illegible] of leasing that portion of the park [illegible] upon Notting Hill for building [illegible] Ilchester has since manage[illegible] ciously that it now [illegible]

AMUSING BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

BEFORE Lord Wellwood in the Court of Session, Catherine Macfarlane, Avondale Place, Queen Street, Dunoon, sues William M'Millan, hotel-keeper, Victoria Hotel, Shore Street, Gourock, for £500 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage. The pursuer, who is 27 years of age, is a teacher, and at present resides with her mother. The defender is about 30 years of age. In February 1886 he made the acquaintance of the pursuer at the house of her brother-in-law at Gourock. Shortly thereafter the defender asked leave to call at her mother's house at Benclyde, Gourock, stating, it is said, that he did not wish to come as a visitor, but as a sweetheart. The pursuer having been favourably impressed with the defender's appearance and attentions, agreed to this, on condition of his obtaining the consent of her mother. A day or two afterwards her mother gave her consent to the defender's proposal. From this date the defender, it is said, courted the pursuer with a view to marriage. He called at the house of the pursuer's mother at least twice a week, and invited the pursuer to take long walks with him. In May he went with her to Hamilton and Glasgow for a holiday, and while at Glasgow they had their portraits taken together. He afterwards bought her a gold ring set with pearls, which, it is said, he requested her to accept as an engagement-ring. She accepted the ring and wore it. Thereafter, it is stated, it was matter of public notoriety in Gourock that the parties were engaged to be married, and they conducted themselves towards each other as such. The defender, it is averred, repeatedly told the pursuer in the course of walks and drives with her that he was anxious that their engagement should not be a long one, and that it was his desire that they should be married in the autumn of that year, to which the pursuer consented. Towards the end of June the pursuer's mother made a short visit to Dunoon, and the pursuer accompanied her. The pursuer left Gourock on Friday after seeing the defender and bidding him good-bye for a few days. On the evening of Monday she received, it is said, the following letter:—

"Victoria Hotel, Gourock, June 23, 1886.

"My Dear Kate,—I daresay it will be no news to you to tell you that I love you, for I have told you that often enough already. Sleeping or waking there you are; in my dreams by night and in my thoughts by day. I am always thinking of you, dear Kate. I have been often thinking on you since we parted on Friday last. It seems like weeks to me. I had a walk with Captain Robertson on Sabbath, but I would have liked if my dear Kate had been with me. Pardon me, dear Kate, for expressing my feelings to you. I hope it will not be long till I see your bright blue eyes again. When I see you, dear Kate, I have something of importance to tell you. I was at Greenock since I saw you last, dear Kate. I met with a friend that knows you very well, so you see, dear Kate, I have friends in Greenock as well as my dear Kate. Write and let me know what day I will come to see you. I don't think I could live a week without seeing you, dear Kate. Dear Kate, I hope your mother is liking Dunoon; it seems strange to me that place. I think Benclyde seems very lonely since my dear Kate has left it. Dear Kate, before I went to my bed I prayed to my God that my wife Kate would be shielded from all harm. The great aim in this world is to know what is right from wrong. How can we be happy if we do not trust in God? Dear Kate, you must excuse me writing this letter. I think I told you I was not very good at making up a letter, so, dear Kate, you can write to me by the return of post, and let me know how you are getting on. Put a cross on your envelope, and I will receive it all safe. I will write you another letter before I come to see you. Dear Kate, I hope the day is not far distant when me and you is one. Dear Kate, I cannot express my thoughts on paper to you as I would like. I don't think there is any in this world I like better than you. I will never be content till you are my wife, so you can make up your mind to share your lot with me. Dear Kate, I must draw to a close. Give my kind love to your mother. There is no one on earth I like to see better than you and your mother. No more at present, but remain your affectionate lover,

WILLIAM M'MILLAN."

The pursuer and her mother returned to Gourock on Wednesday morning, and the defender called for them in the course of the day. He, it is said, expressed great delight at seeing the pursuer, told her that her short absence had caused him to realise how necessary she was to his happiness, and asked her to prepare to get married at the end of the season. On the same evening he, it is stated, wrote her the following letter:—

"Victoria Hotel, Gourock, 30th June 1886.

"Dear Kate,—I have been thinking what we have been talking about to-day. Dear Kate, I have made up my mind to get married to you when the busy season is over, so me and you can arrange to go to Glasgow to buy the marriage outfit. I have made up my mind to stay at Benclyde with my dear Kate if your mother will consent.—Yours truly,

W. M'MILLAN."

Upon a Sunday, towards the end of July, the defender gave the pursuer to understand that he had informed his brother of his intention to get married to her at the end of the season, and that both his brother and his mother had quarrelled with him in consequence of their fears that the result of the marriage would be that they would no longer have a home in the hotel. The defender appeared to be very much put about by the estrangement between him and his relatives, but he, it is said, assured the pursuer that he would never allow their opposition to the marriage to prevent his fulfilment of his promises, and as a token of his sincerity he handed her a bank cheque for £45, and asked her to keep it and go with him to Glasgow on the following Tuesday, where it would be spent in buying the trousseau. On the following Tuesday the defender, it is said, instead of calling for her, wrote her a letter informing her that he and his brother James had made up their quarrel, and that he had determined to stick to the hotel, and asked her not to write him till the dark clouds had passed over, which she understood to mean until he had succeeded in reconciling his brother and mother to the match. The defender, it is said, wrote to the pursuer on Saturday, the 31st July, in the following terms:—

"Victoria Hotel, Gourock, July 31, 1886.

"My Dear Kate,—I write a few lines to you giving you my mind. I feel very much for you at this time. I have been in a sore state of mind this week. Dear Kate, I only wish I could see you. I have made up my mind to do what is just towards you. Dear Kate, I am just the same to you as when I seen you last. Dear Kate, I have given you my heart; though trouble comes I will be with you still. O Kate, my wish this morning to you is that God will spare me and you happy days in this world. I will never part with you as long as I live. Dear Kate, forgive me for expressing my feelings to you.—Yours truly,

WM. M'MILLAN."

The defender, it is averred, promised to the pursuer to call for her on an early day, with a view to go with her to Glasgow to purchase the wedding trousseau, and at his request she then gave him back the cheque which he had given her. The defender, the pursuer says, parted with her on the evening of Sunday, the 1st August, on the best possible terms. She expected him to call on the Tuesday or Wednesday following, to go with her to Glasgow, but he did not come. She did not see or hear from him until September following, when, it is said, he sent a servant to her mother's door with the pursuer's letters to him, carried in an apron, and a verbal message that he wanted his letters and presents.

The defender admits that he entertained and expressed feelings of affection towards the pursuer, that he was anxious to marry her, and that his mother and brother were opposed to the marriage. He explains that the opposition was founded upon considerations personal to the pursuer, of whose antecedents and connections neither the defender nor his family had any knowledge, and that the defender was urged by prudential motives to conciliate his brother, upon whom he[illegible] dependent. He says that the sum of £45 [illegible] tained in a deposit receipt, which was [illegible] dorsed, to the pursuer for inspecti[illegible] satisfy to some extent her [illegible] means. On Sunday evening [illegible] serious dispute with hi[illegible] subsisting between [illegible] in consequence [illegible] he consider[illegible] visits to [illegible] ingly [illegible]

THE ALLEGED BLACKMAILING BY LONDON JOURNALISTS.

AT the Guildhall Police Court on Wednesday, the 13th ultimo, before Mr. Alderman Savory, the hearing was resum

MILITARY AND NAVAL NOTES.

There appears to be considerable doubt as to what ...ne can be appropriated to carry the flag of either ... two Mediterranean Admirals. The Victoria's ...re now openly acknowledged to be useless for ...l fighting purposes, and the Trafalgar has not ...ny guns at all. The Camperdown is locked ... pis aller if either of the other ships is un... but if both fail, how then? She cannot ...he celebrated bird, and be in two places at ...nd even her guns are now being tinkered at ...ar Department in their breech mechanism, ...dness knows what they will be like after they ...ed a few rounds. And in the face of all this, ...e daily paragraphs in the papers informing us ... all solemnity that "it has been decided to re...rganise and strengthen the Channel Squadron by ...the substitution and addition of modern battleships." ...Has it? I should like to know what is the use of ...modern battleships without any modern guns to put ...in them; and, even if the guns were ready, the ...stokers most certainly would not be forthcoming.

Almost a howl has been raised in certain quarters at what the howlers are pleased to call the "job" of once more having a second in command on the Mediterranean station, while they do not hesitate to assert that the revival of the post is due to the desire to provide for Lord Walter Kerr, who, they say, would not have been provided for if he had not been a lord. Now, in the first place, does it not seem a little absurd that any objection should be raised to the keeping of two flag-officers on active service in the Mediterranean, where we have a fleet of twenty-three ships—and none too many either—while everybody seems to take it for granted that it is the proper thing to have two admirals to look after one-battle-ship, three tin-pots, and a gun-boat in the Channel? The malcontents talk as if two Admirals in the Mediterranean Squadron were something new, whereas in 1860, when affairs were much less critical for the interests of Great Britain than they every day are now, Sir Rodney Mundy flew his flag as second in the Hannibal to "Pincher" Martin in the Marlborough, and Sir John Commerell in 1877 was second in command under Sir Geoffrey Hornby at Besika Bay.

The zeal and energy of the Artists' Volunteer Corps have found vent in the issue to their members of the "Grey book"—a little volume which, purporting to be the "Standing Orders," is in reality an epitome of all that a Volunteer should know or do, and is a most complete instruction-book for recruits and non-commissioned officers. There are chapters, too, on Army signalling, the training of stretcher-bearers, transport, military cycling, musketry, duties on guard, tent-pitching, and a hundred other things which it behoves a soldier to learn, including instructions to the cook. The camp and field bugle-calls are accompanied—and this is, I believe, an entirely new idea—by words, so as to allow of their being quickly learnt. Then there are the rules of the different branches of the head-quarters club, which, I gather, includes a canteen, school of arms, lawn-tennis and entertainment committees, and so forth. Altogether, it is a very handy and useful little volume, and should not be confined to the members of the Artists' only.

Belfast seems to be following the lead of Dublin. Mr. Adrian Grant-Duff (Black Watch) and Mr. Streatfeild (Gordon Highlanders) are both laid up in barracks with typhoid fever, and there have been several cases amongst the men. Mr. Streatfeild is a brother of Captain Henry Streatfeild, Lord Lansdowne's Military Secretary, and has himself just been appointed A. D. C. to General Middleton in Canada, where the Master of Colville (who married Mr. Streatfeild's sister) is Military Secretary to Lord Stanley of Preston.

It is customary for some narrow-minded people to maintain that departmental officers are non-combatants, and that doctors are the least combatant of them all. If this is the case, it is most creditable to the whole profession of medicine that the only two instances in which the Victoria Cross has been won in the Burmese campaigns are those of medical officers—Dr. Crimmin, Bombay Medical Service, and Dr. Le Quesne, Army Medical Staff.

Admiral Robert Scott, in a recent letter to the *Times*, drew attention to the danger we should run in action of the hydraulic machinery, by which alone our big guns can be worked, getting out of order, in which case we might just as well have no guns at all. The Chilians are having an ironclad built for them by the French forges at Chantiers Company, which though its length is 325 feet, its breadth 60 feet, its displacement 6,800, tons, with an anticipated speed of seventeen knots at sea, is yet to carry, as the heaviest part of its armament, four guns of twenty-three tons weight each, which can be manipulated always by men, instead of machinery. The projectiles of these guns can pierce an armour-plate eighteen inches thick at one thousand yards. This seems good enough.

After having held the appointment since July 1882, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Trotter has vacated the Military Attacheship at Constantinople. Colonel Trotter served as an additional Military Attache at the head quarters of the Turkish Army in Asia during the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78, and was at the battles of Eshek-Tiias and Deveh-Boyoun, and the relief of Kars. In his official capacity at Constantinople he has displayed great tact and ability, and he leaves behind him in Turkey many friends who recognise in him a soldier who ought to have come to the front more than he has. His successor, Colonel Chermside, R. E., is well known for his services in Egypt and the Soudan, and has been employed for some time past as H.M. Consul at Erzeroum.

The selection of Colonel C. H. F. Ellis, Royal Artillery, as successor to Colonel W. H. Noble at the head of the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, has met with general approval among those who know the ropes of our manufacturing establishments. Colonel Ellis is new, in one sense, to the work, but he has had considerable experience of the Ordnance Depart... was a member of the Experimental Com... Royal Arsenal from 1878 to 1881, was ...he Ordnance Committee from 1881 to ...t-Director of Artillery from 1884 to ...een a member of the Ordnance Com...cil 1888.

... of the Apollo class, which is to be ...lus, is to be built at Devonport dock... engines are to be constructed in the ...actory at Keyham. This unexpected ...dmiralty is attributed at Devonport and ...he fact that, owing to the "cheeseparing-end" retrenchment of the department, ...ng has been aroused against the Govern... ...e seats of the Tory members for the ... endangered, but there will now be no ... any reduction of hands.

... game is to be played by the War Office ... where it is intended to conciliate local ... squandering a large sum in building a ...barracks, for which there is no necessity ... as it would be impossible permanently to ...d cavalry regiment to the strength of the ...d Manchester is by far the most conveni... for the Cavalry Corps which is now ...in this district, and there are excellent ... that city.

... practically an end to the 110-ton guns, for ... so seriously disabled during their trials that ...never likely to be of any use whatever. This ... catastrophe for the country, and it may be ...t a rigorous investigation into all the cir...s will be ordered, and also that the Admir... allow the full truth to be at once divulged, ...t waiting until Parliament meets, when they ...ompelled to do so.

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